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**Missouri May Not Obtain
Custody of Karpis.**

(By the Associated Press.)

WEST PLAINS, Mo., May 1.—
Sheriff Ed Threlkeld expressed
doubt tonight after a telephone
conversation with New Orleans
that Howell County would get to
try Alvin Karpis for the slaying
of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly here in
December, 1931.

"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
Kelly. We really want Karpis
here, and if we get him—"

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Karpis Hideout Yielded 'Plenty', Declare Federals

But, As Usual, They Give
Little Information
On the Details

New Orleans, May 2.—Federal bureau of investigation agents who took part in the capture of Alvin Karpis and two companions here last night said today that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided had yielded "plenty."

"We've found plenty," David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, declared as his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty "girl in white" who lived with Karpis as his wife, and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$46,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio. Magee refused to go into details as to what evidence had been found.

Magee said he did not know the identity of Ruth, but that her fingerprints were being checked. Throughout the night the girl, in her early twenties, was grilled along with Hunter in the offices of the bureau of investigation on the third floor of the federal building while Karpis was taken by plane to St. Paul.

Ruth and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were taken in early last night. Officers said both refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

At times the rattling of Hunter's chains could be heard outside of

the room as if he were moving about or under a nervous strain. He was both shackled and chained, hands and feet.

In the meantime, federal investigators refused to answer any questions about how they were tipped off that Karpis was in New Orleans, or how they managed to locate him and his apartment. J. Edgar Hoover, head G man, before leaving on the Karpis plane, said briefly that he had been working on the Karpis case for two years.

Hoover arrived here Thursday night by plane with a group of agents to augment the local investigators' staff and took up his headquarters at a hotel, posing as a business man. His personal announcement of the capture of Karpis last night was the first intimation anyone outside of his own staff had of his presence in New Orleans.

Hoodlum Gets 221 Extra Miles on Trip

Chicago, May 2. — Backtracking tactics employed by federal agents transporting Alvin Karpis from New Orleans to St. Paul gave the desperado an air ride of 221 more miles than if the trip had been made by a direct route, airline officials computed today. The flight made by way of Chicago would have been 1,309 miles. By proceeding to Indianapolis, then dodging backward and westward to St. Louis and Kansas City, however, the federal agents ran the mileage to 1,530. The longer route added about an hour and a half to the flying time.

Airlines Assist G-Men in Keeping Secret of Flight

Kansas City, May 2.—J. Edgar Hoover took a "cage" for Alvin Karpis with him when he went to New Orleans to apprehend the outlaw. The "cage" was the 44-passenger plane used to fly Karpis to St. Paul today after the arrest of the notorious criminal.

The airship was specially chartered in the east and made a stop at Washington to pick up Hoover. Instead of the plane being designated in radio dispatches as a "special" flight, the airlines co-operated with the desire of Hoover to have secrecy and the flight became simply "No. 7."

Arriving at St. Louis, "Flight No. 7" could not proceed on the next leg to St. Paul because of a storm. The plane proceeded to Kansas City. Agents were aided by the fact that other regular passenger flights were arriving at the same time as their chartered ship.

A half hour after its arrival the first person to leave the plane was Hoover, who went to the restaurant in the terminal. Other agents kept guard over Karpis, who was kept manacled inside the ship even while it was standing in the hangar.

When Hoover returned to the ship the other agents took turns going to the restaurant. The last ones to go over brought a sandwich and coffee for Karpis.

ARREST GIVES KARPIS ALIBI ON THEFT CHARGE

Alvin Karpis had an iron-clad alibi today for the latest of crimes of which he has been accused.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, disclosed that on the trip from New Orleans to St. Paul, Karpis had been allowed to read a newspaper, which in addition to relating his capture, carried a dispatch about a robbery Friday in Michigan, where a sheriff "positively identified" one of the five participants as Karpis.

"Karpis read the story and laughed," Hoover continued. "he said, 'Well, it looks like I have a good alibi on that job.'"

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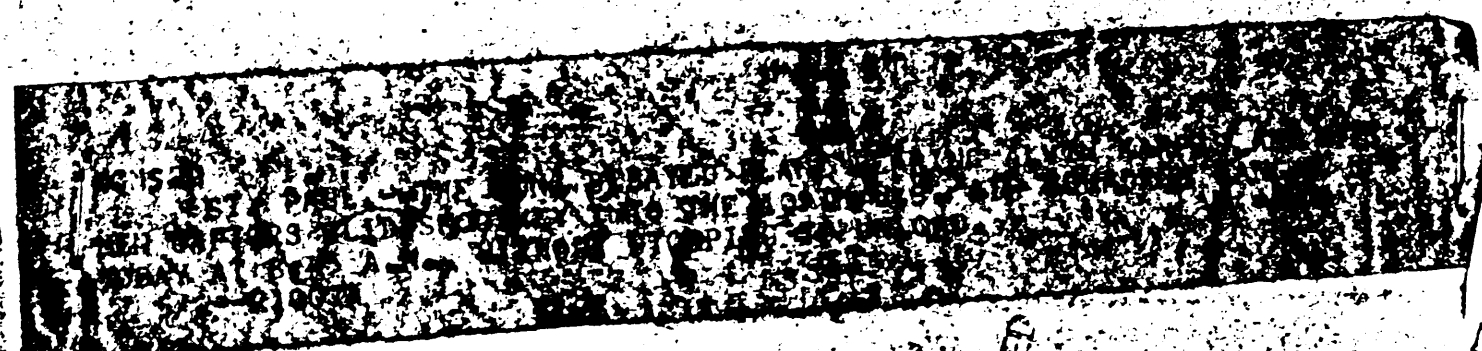


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OHIO SEEKING TO TRY KARPIS

U. S. Attorney Aiming to Put Him on Trial for Train Theft

[By The Associated Press]
Cleveland, May 2.—With the long search for Alvin Karpis ended, federal authorities here studied today all possibilities of bringing him to trial in this state for participation in the Garrettsville train robbery.

U. S. Attorney Emerich B. Freed planned to ask Joseph B. Keenan, assistant to the attorney-general, if Minnesota kidnaping charges took precedence over the Garrettsville charges. If they do not, he said he would urge that the gunman be brought here.

Sylvester J. Hettrick, postal inspector, told questioners he was "not supposed to talk" on whether a prisoner held in the \$46,000 train robbery gave the tip leading to the capture of Karpis.

"It's kind of tough not to be able to tell you, but we haven't been quoted for months. We don't know anything about it—not now, any-how."

Think Prisoner Told

The prisoner, John Brock, alias Charles Johnson, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., was believed to have given information which caused postal inspectors to issue warrants Monday charging five persons with participation in the mail robbery at Garrettsville. It was carried out last Nov. 7 in wild west style.

The five named were Karpis, Brock, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and John Doe, alias Sam. Grover (Burrhead) Keady is held here on the same charge on a warrant issued earlier, pending identification of John Doe.

Hettrick said Brock was arrested at Youngstown, O., March 13. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said at New Orleans "we've known Karpis has been in and out of New Orleans for two months and have been on his trail."

Hettrick, informed that Hunter and an unidentified woman had been arrested with Karpis, said:

"I guess Hunter will be brought here. It is up to Hoover." He said he did not know about Karpis.

Campbell's End Seen
Hettrick said chance of capture of Campbell also was "pretty good." "When you're after a mob arrests are always near. It can be any minute."

A reliable official source here who declined to be quoted said "Karpis' capture was the result of straight investigative effort. It was not a tip or based on information. It was the result of a complete check of newcomers in big cities."

Brock pleaded innocent Thursday when arraigned on the Garrettsville charges. He was held to the federal grand jury under \$50,000 bond and placed in an isolated cell in Cuyahoga County jail.

Karpis frequently hid out in Ohio during the months he was sought by federal agents.

In September, 1934, police and federal operatives here raided a West Side house only a few hours after three men, identified as Karpis and Arthur and Fred Barker, had fled. Fingerprints of the men were identified from a slip of paper found in the house.

In January, 1935, Karpis released Dr. Horace Hunsicker of Allentown, Pa., near Medina, O. The physician had been kidnaped at his home while Karpis and Campbell were fleeing from a police trap in Atlantic City.

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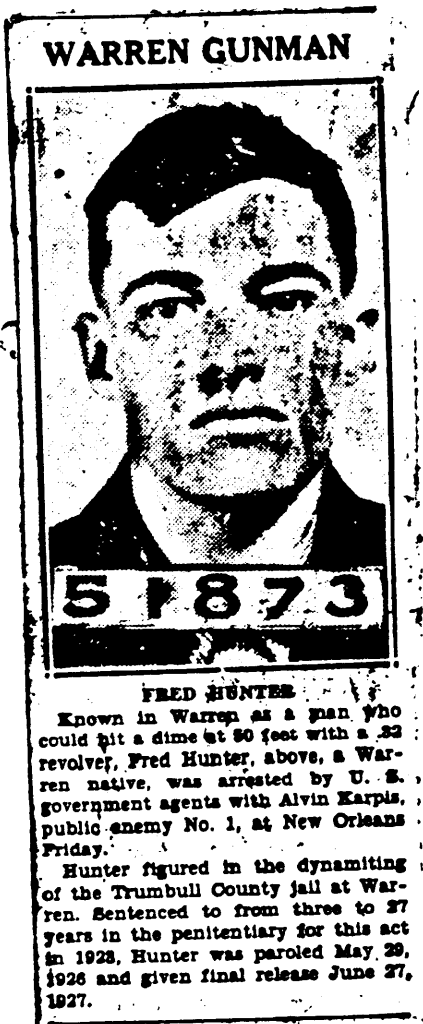
Bespectacled John Brock, alias Charles Johnson, shown as he was booked, is in "solitary" in jail at Cleveland charged with Alvin Karpis and three others with the \$46,000 machine gun robbery of an Erie railroad mail train at Garrettsville, last Nov. 7. Brock, arrested here, was held for several days in Mahoning County jail. (Associated Press Photo.)

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"G" Men Believed Seeking Karpis Aides In Valley

Special To The Telegram
WARREN, May 2—J. Edgar Hoover's "G" men were believed scouring the Youngstown and Warren district late today for other members of the Alvin Karpis gang following arrests at New Orleans last night and in Warren early this morning.

Alvin Karpis and his henchman, Fred Hunter, Warren native, were arrested in New Orleans last night without resistance.

Early this morning, George Hunter, father of Fred, Al Hunter, a brother, and Mary Yoho, posing as Al Hunter's wife, were arrested here.

Shortly before noon today "G" men sped from the Warren city jail with George Hunter in their car on a mysterious trip. Al Hunter was held in a city jail cell, and the woman was being questioned at police headquarters.

Harry Campbell, pal of Karpis, becomes the nation's No. 1 public enemy with the arrest of Karpis.

Al Hunter, well-known as the "black-jack" dealer at Jim Munse's place, and the woman were arrested early this morning in the East End Restaurant, owned by William Hunter, another brother, at 764 E. Market-st.

"I was standing near the bar when I noticed a car stop out in front," a customer who witnessed the arrest, said.

"A man walked into the restaurant and lounged up against one of the booths. At the same time I noticed two or three other men walk down the railroad track alongside the building.

"Then two city policemen came in. They stepped over to various parts of the place. A moment later, two men came in with machine guns.

"They asked for Al Hunter. He was standing behind the bar. Then they asked if there was a woman there.

"When someone said she was upstairs, two of the men, one with a machine gun, and a city policeman went up the side steps. They came down with her a few minutes later.

"The whole thing took only about 10 minutes. They loaded the couple into a car and drove off."

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GRILL HUNTER AND GIRL IN CAPTURE

Pair Questioned All
Night; Rattling of
Shackles Heard.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2—(AP)—Federal bureau of investigation agents who captured Alvin Karpis and two companions here last night said today that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided for about a month with "Ruth" had yielded "plenty."

"We've found plenty," David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, declared as his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty girl in white who lived with Karpis as his wife, and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$46,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, O.

Magee refused to go into details as to what evidence had been found in the apartment.

He likewise refused details of the surprise springing of the trap in which nearly a score of agents led by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau in Washington, pounced upon Karpis, disarmed and captured him without a fight and then seized Hunter and the girl.

IDENTITY UNKNOWN.

Magee said he did not know the identity of "Ruth" but that her fingerprints were being checked in Washington in an effort to learn whether she was wanted by the government.

Throughout the night, the girl, in her early twenties, was grilled along with Hunter in the offices of the bureau of investigation on the third floor of the federal building.

"Ruth" and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were taken in early last night after the raid at the Canal st. apartment house.

LOSELY GUARDED.

Officers with machine guns and pistols guarded the prisoners. They said both refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

Throughout the night in the corridors of the federal building undertones of the questioning of the two prisoners could be heard.

The agents indicated that the prisoners might be removed to some other location during the day.

At times the rattling of Hunter's chains could be heard outside of the room as if he was moving about under a nervous strain. He was both shackled and chained, hands and feet.

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WISCONSIN NEWS
MAY 2, 1936.

Greatest Man-Hunt in U. S. Criminal History Ends, Public Enemy Karpis Held

GIVE credit to J. Edgar Hoover and his nifty men for the greatest clean-up of murderous outlaws in the history of modern crime. The capture of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, the successor to Dillinger, as the most dangerous fugitive alive, brings to a climax a man-hunt that has been carried on relentlessly under the direction of the United States bureau of investigation, of which Mr. Hoover is the head, aided by local and state authorities who have been spurred to new activity by the backing of the government.

Mr. Hoover, leading in person the raid in New Orleans that resulted in the capture of Karpis and his companions without the firing of a shot, demonstrated courage that is not less than that exhibited by his associates and subordinates who have brought to book an array of cutthroats that has spread death, terror and destruction thruout the country in recent years.

THE Bremer-Hamm abductions have been avenged. These killers have paid the penalty, or will do so, for a series of bank robberies, murders and abductions the loot of which amounted to millions, with untold numbers of innocent victims slain.

Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Underwood, the Barker gang, Gibson, Gray, Bailey, Bates, Verne Miller, others by the score whose names have stood for the most atrocious acts the underworld is capable of committing, either have died from hot lead fired by straight-shooting officers of the law, by ambush from their own double-crossing, squealing associates, by the noose or chair, or are in prison whence there will be no escape.

With the arrest of Karpis the major criminal mobs of the United States have been exterminated. Others will attempt to organize for pillage, murder and abduction, but their activities will be speedily curtailed. Crime is not wiped out in a day, a month or in years, but the day has dawned when the law is enforced more thoroly than ever before. America is awakening to a crime bill of more than 15 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR, enough to pay the national debt in two years time.

That this better day has been brought about is due to the United States department of justice, headed by Homer Cummings, attorney general, the bureau of investigation under J. Edgar Hoover, the agency that has performed a monumental job.

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Gang Leader Karpis Spurned By Family

CHICAGO, May 2 (I.N.S.). John Karpavicz, a respectable, hard-working janitor, barred his basement flat to all callers today.

He shouted in broken English through the closed door to reporters come to interview him concerning the capture of his infamous son, Alvin Karpis:

"All I want is to be let alone. Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt."

Through the closed door the old man could be heard warning his wife, Anna, to stay away from the door.

Born in Canada

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 had not been near the home of his parents in years and they disowned him when he started on his career of crime.

Born in Canada 26 years ago, Karpis was taken by his parents to Topeka, Kans., when a small boy.

In his school days in Topeka, he was widely known as the best marble player in Topeka.

When only 16, Karpis was arrested for stealing automobile

tires, convicted, and sentenced to 10 years in Kansas State industrial reformatory. The severe sentence and a beating Karpis claimed he received from a guard, embittered him against society, according to relatives, and started him on the looting, blood-letting, kidnapping path.

After serving three years Karpis and Lawrence Devol, who later became a notorious bank robber, escaped. In March, 1930, they were arrested in Kansas City. Safe-blowing equipment was found in their car. Karpis was sentenced to the State prison at Lansing, Kans., but was released on parole in the spring of 1931.

Posed as Salesman

Karpis drifted to Tulsa, Okla. There he fell in love with and married Dorothy Slayman, a pretty masseuse. He told her he was a jewelry salesman.

Karpis settled down with his bride, turning his back on the underworld. But the reformation was shortlived. He joined with the

Barker gang, headed by Kate "Ma" Barker, who handled a machine gun with as much finesse as her desperado sons, Arthur "Doc," and Fred.

In June, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa on a charge of robbery. He was convicted and sentenced to four years in prison but was soon paroled. He and the Barkers moved into Missouri.

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo., fell before the guns of Karpis and Fred Barker on December 19, 1931, when he attempted to question them about a hold-up.

Turn to Kidnaping

The gang moved on to St. Paul, where they did away with Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband, whom they suspected of being a police informer.

They are credited with innumerable bank "jobs" through the Northwest. Then came the gang's entrance into the kidnaping field. Edward G. Bremer, wealthy banker, was released on payment of \$200,000 ransom, and William Hamm, brewer, on payment of \$100,000. The mob is believed to have netted at least \$500,000 in bank robberies and ransom payments in two years.

Fred and "Ma" Barker retired to Florida. January 16, 1935, their house was surrounded by G-men who opened fire on the dwelling when Fred and "Ma" refused to surrender. Both were killed. "Ma" dying with a machine gun in her hand.

"Doc" Barker and other members of the gang are serving prison terms.

Former Fals Dead

Other criminals with whom Karpis consorted on occasions are dead or in prison—John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Clyde Barrow and his cigar-smoking sweetheart, Bonnie Parker, Baby Face Nelson, John Hamilton, Machine Gun Kelly, Roger Touhy.

Karpis' wife, Dorothy, divorced him in 1935, the decree charging neglect and cruelty.

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CAMPBELL NEW PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1
Hoover Leads Karpis Capture



WITH THE CAPTURE of Alvin Karpis (above) in New Orleans by a group of Federal men under the leadership of J. Edgar Hoover (bottom right), Harry Campbell (top right) becomes the country's Public Enemy No. 1. He is wanted for having taken part in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in St. Paul two years ago, a crime which Karpis is said to have engineered. Winona Burdette (right middle) was arrested in Atlantic City last year in a raid aimed at the elusive Karpis himself. She was said to be the bad man's sweetheart. Photo of Hoover copyright by Underwood & Underwood.

KARPIS AT END OF HIS ROPE



ALVIN KARPIS

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The Washington Times,
May 2, 1936.

G-MEN FLY KARPIS TO ST. PAUL

Gangster Captured in
New Orleans Faces
Kidnaping Trial

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2 (I.N.S.)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, escorted by J. Edgar Hoover, G-men chief, and a squad of his men, arrived here by plane today at 8:45 a. m. (9:45 E. S. T.).

Karpis is under indictment here for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer.

Early this morning bad weather forced the plane down at Kansas City after a flight from St. Louis. A heavily armed group of special agents met the ship. Karpis was forced to remain inside, while his guards ate breakfast at the airport restaurant.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 2 (I.N.S.)—The trail of pillage and plunder that Alvin Karpis spread across the nation was marked today in the books of the G-men as "closed" as they held him in their custody.

The 26-year-old gangster was unceremoniously placed aboard a special plane here last night and sped to an unknown destination after he had surrendered in abject fashion without the firing of a shot.

Aboard the plane were five Federal agents. Karpis was chained to his seat. It was reported J. Edgar Hoover was among the agents aboard the airliner.

Mystery Woman Seized

Successor to his pal, John Dillinger, as the Nation's Public Enemy No. 1 and wanted in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, Karpis was seized here in a well-laid plan directed by Hoover.

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G-MEN CAPTURE ALVIN

KARPIS WITHOUT FIRING

A SHOT

HANDS IN AIR, ENEMY NO. 1 SURRENDERS

J. Edgar Hoover In
Personal Charge of
Raiding Party

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Chief of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation.

Fred Hunter, wanted in a \$34,000 mail holdup and a "mystery" woman were arrested along with Karpis.

While Karpis and his two companions walked toward a parked automobile in the residential section late yesterday, Hoover and his men, who had surrounded the house where the gangster was staying, raised their guns and commanded the trio to halt.

Throws Up Hands

Karpis wheeled around and threw up his hands. His companions followed suit. Automobiles rushed them to the Federal building where the three underwent a relentless grilling.

Then newspaper men were

called in and Hoover made the laconic statement:

"We have today taken Alvin Karpis into custody without the firing of a single shot."

Hunter and the woman who was captured along with Karpis remained in their temporary prison at the Federal Building today as Federal agents apparently awaited word from Washington concerning the woman's record. If the officers knew the woman's name they did not reveal it.

Offered No Resistance

The Federal men today were apparently bent on getting an account of his long list of crimes from Karpis before lawyers could make an effort to "spring him" or before a claim for him could be put in by city or State authorities, who have long sought him.

There were reports Karpis was taken to St. Paul to stand trial for the \$200,000 ransom kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer.

Hoover refused bluntly to talk about the removal of Karpis from the city. He remarked:

"I have absolutely nothing to say on that score."

Hoover did reveal, however, that he had known Karpis was in and out of New Orleans for the last two months. He was asked:

"Did Karpis resist?"

Hoover replied:

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

Although Hoover did not reveal whether Karpis was armed, it was reported the killer was well armed.

Chained in Plane

As Karpis was being taken from the Federal building to a waiting automobile, which whisked him to the airport, he walked with a jaunty step and no trace of fear or chagrin showed on his impassive, smooth-shaven features. He displayed momentary annoyance at the lights of cameramen playing on him, however, and sought to shield his face with his arms.

Hoover personally put Karpis into the automobile, giving him a gentle shove which the gangster didn't seem to mind. At the airport, the most widely hunted desperado since John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson submitted calmly while the Federal sleuths chained him to a seat in a cabin plane.

E. M. Comeaux, a witness to the arrest of Karpis and his two companions, agreed they never had a chance to shot it out. The G-men apparently had taken the utmost precautions to take the gangster alive without a slip-up.

Talked About Fishing

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John Campbell, janitor of the house in which Karpis had been living, said the "mystery woman" had posed as the gangster's wife—the pair being known as "Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara."

Campbell said he was "the most surprised man in the world, when he learned 'O'Hara' was Karpis."

He said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech, who loved to talk about fishing.

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house just behind the one occupied by Karpis, said the gangster had rented parking space for his car in the Hoffman yard. Hoffman said:

"He spoke to me only three times, and I didn't size him up at all. I thought he was all right."

New Orleans buzzed today with a story that could not be verified that "a brunette girl" gave G-men the tip that led to Karpis' capture, and got \$7,000 for it.

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U. S. Agents Trap Killer With Woman

20 Justice Men Invade
Apartment; No Shots
Are Fired.

Raid Personally Directed
by Hoover; Another
Fugitive Is Seized.

New Orleans, May 1. (U.P.).
Alvin Karpis, America's Pub-
lic enemy No. 1, was captured
in an apartment at 6:30 p. m.
(Eastern standard time) by
a raiding squad of about 20
Department of Justice agents
here today.

No shots were fired. An un-
identified woman was with
the notorious bandit, who had
eluded a Nation-wide search
by Federal agents for months.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of
the Department of Justice,
came here from Washington
to direct the raid personally.

Also captured in the apart-
ment was Fred Hunter, said
to be wanted in Garrettsville,
Ohio, for a \$25,000 mail rob-
bery.

Officials Here Decline Immediate Comment.

Justice Department officials
declined immediate comment
last night on the capture of
Alvin Karpis in New Orleans.

They said the only comment
could come from J. Edgar
Hoover, director of the Fed-
eral Bureau of Investigation,
who is in New Orleans.

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Capture.

Capture of Alvin Karpis, commonly known as Public Enemy Number One—though the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which effected his taking, does not list the malefactors in numerical order of importance—again demonstrates the effectiveness of the Department of Justice service in the pursuit of criminals. Located in his refuge in New Orleans, he was closely watched without arousal of suspicion that his identity had been established and at an opportune moment he was surrounded and taken without the firing of a shot.

The crime for which Karpis was seized is that of kidnaping. Under the so-called Lindbergh law it is a Federal offense and, the victim not being harmed, the penalty is life imprisonment. A second kidnaping, of the same character, is attributed to him. There are also numerous other charges, including the murder of an officer of the law, which would be a State case, and if Karpis

were to be surrendered to the State for trial on that charge the death penalty would probably be imposed upon conviction. It is not likely, however, that there will be any transfer of jurisdiction, unless there is failure of prosecution in both the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases, which is not to be expected.

There is ground for congratulation in this repeated demonstration of the Federal service of investigation and crime pursuit. The Bureau of Investigation has established a high prestige for effectiveness that should set a standard for the State police and judicial agencies to the end of a more thorough enforcement of the laws. Unification of State laws, adoption of a uniform standard of police service, co-operation with the Federal service to the fullest extent would make life and property in this country safer and create a wholesome respect for the law in all jurisdictions.

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Hoover Leads 20 Agents in Arresting Nation's No. 1 Outlaw.

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1936

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Current Public Enemy No. 1 Seized



A Department of Justice portrait of Alvin Karpis, much sought criminal, who was captured in New Orleans last night by a squad of Federal agents.

Killer Put Aboard Plane for St. Paul

Seized With Unidentified Woman and Suspect in Mail Robbery.

By the United Press.

New Orleans, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, the most dreaded and hunted outlaw in the country, was captured without bloodshed today by a squad of Federal agents as he left an apartment house near the business center of the city.

With him were taken Fred Hunter, wanted for a \$35,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio, and an unidentified woman.

Out to avenge the murder of four fellow agents, of which Karpis was suspected, the Federal men struck with such dramatic suddenness that people in the neighborhood thought it was only a minor police case disturbance.

Moving so secretly that city police knew nothing of their movements, but so sure of their prey that they had chartered a special airplane to take Karpis to St. Paul even before they sprung their trap, the Federal men ended the reign of the Nation's No. 1 public enemy as he walked toward his parked automobile.

Under Strong Guard.

The three prisoners were whisked to the postoffice building and kept under strong guard for two hours in the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

Then Karpis, flanked by eight sturdy Federal agents, all bristling with guns, was taken out to an automobile and started for the airport.

In the escort was J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. Hoover came here from Washington to direct the capture.

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

Pucheu sold Karpis a car two weeks ago and was amazed when paid cash in \$100 bills. He is employed by a Plymouth agency here, the story goes, and Karpis went to the salesroom two weeks ago and asked about a new car.

He introduced himself as Edward O'Hara, the name he used since he moved into the apartment house on April 10.

"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."

Eighteen hours before the raid, Hoover chartered a TWA Douglas airliner to fly Karpis to St. Paul, where he is charged with the kidnaping, on June 15, 1933, of William A. Hamm, Jr. Although he was wanted for many murders and countless robberies, the Government sought Karpis specifically on the kidnaping charge.

Waiting Since Thursday.

The chartered airplane had been waiting at Shushan Airport since 11 a. m. Thursday, ready for the capture and delivery of its cargo. It was flown here from New York by pilots named Zimmerman and Smith, and its presence was a closely guarded secret. Even the pilots remained inconspicuously in hotel rooms.

Working fast and with a precision that indicated the plans were carefully laid, the agents rushed Karpis to Shushan Airport and roared off in a plane toward St. Paul at 9:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time).

Neighborhood accounts of the capture were vague. The best version was that the Federal men, armed with sawed-off shotguns, arrived in front of the apartment house just as Karpis, Hunter and the woman left the porch and started for their automobile at the curbing.

The officers leaped forward, seized both men by the arms, and dragged them to their automobiles. About 20 agents were in the raiding party.

Reports that a trail of blood later was found leading from the apartment house to the street, and that a man was seen running, stopped, apparently wounded in the side, remained unverified.

Beyond a formal, terse announcement that the Hamm kidnaping suspect and Hunter were taken, Hoover declined to comment.

Woman's Name Withheld.

Name of the woman prisoner was withheld. She was about 22 and attractive.

Karpis was said to have been in New Orleans "some time." Hunter had been hiding here several months, attracted South for spring training of big league baseball. He was described as a "baseball bug."

As the plane bearing Karpis to St. Paul took off from Shushan Airport, bystanders caught only a glimpse of the prisoner.

He was dragged from a Government automobile to the plane. He was chained hand and foot.

Hunter and the woman were kept behind locked doors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office long after Karpis was taken away.

Newspapermen and photographers swarmed in the corridor. Once, Hunter was taken outside to a washroom. His feet and hands were

chained, and a burly Federal agent picked him up in his arms and carried him.

The transfer of Karpis from the Federal office to the airport kept the same swift pace of earlier events.

Hoover, squat, nattily dressed in a brown suit, a nervous and brusque general in the Nation's war on crime, stepped from the office and strode down the corridor.

"He never had a chance," Hoover mumbled.

"Did he offer any resistance?" someone called.

"Not a bit. He didn't have a chance."

"How long had he been in New Orleans?"

"Several months."

"Did he have a gun?"

"Not with him. He had one in the car outside."

The office door opened again and men poured out in a tightly drawn knot, like a football team in a flying wedge.

Karpis was in their midst. He was in shirt sleeves and wore a straw hat. He was smooth-faced and in the available glimpse he

closely resembled his pictures in Rogues' Gallery. Obviously he had

affected no disguise to avoid the dragnet that had been closing about him since he succeeded "Baby Face"

Nelson on the murderer's throne in 1934.

Placed in Long Red Car.

On the postoffice building steps, Hoover stood giving directions about the cars. He pointed out a long red one. It was filled quickly by Karpis and his guards.

Each Federal agent carried a traveling bag and several had ominous-looking cases, obviously sheathing sub-machine guns.

Hoover looked around for a second car. None was there. He looked annoyed, but only for a moment.

Another large car whipped up to the curbing. Hoover leaped in and the two automobiles started down the street, the red one setting a

furious pace and disregarding traffic lights.

At the airport, guards held spectators at a distance 100 yards from the plane. Karpis was half dragged to the ship, popped into the cabin and the plane was away and roaring into the north in an instant.



Map outlines the high spots in the lawless "career" of Alvin Karpis. The sordid trail ran principally through the Middle West. Photo shows Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, girls with Karpis and Harry Campbell when they shot their way through cordon of officers at Atlantic City. Picture made as their companions were escorted to police headquarters. Upper left, Alvin Karpis at age of 16 years, when his criminal career first came to the attention of authorities with his commitment to Kansas Reformatory on a burglary charge.

Karpis Now Linked To Train Holdup

Cleveland, May 1 (U.P.)—Alvin Karpis was named by the Federal Government three days ago as leader of the machine-gun gang that held up a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, last November 7.

Among those named with him were Fred Hunter, captured with Karpis tonight in New Orleans, and John Brock, who is held here charged with participating in the robbery.

The Garrettsville train was robbed in "Wild West" fashion, the bandits forcing the Erie train crew to hand over mail bags containing a pay roll for the Republic Steel Corporation. Their loot totaled \$48,000 in cash and securities.

Warrants issued by Assistant United States District Attorney Frank Wiedemann on April 27 named as other members of the bandit gang Harry Campbell, believed to have been Karpis' chief aid, and a John Doe, alias Sam.

A sixth man, Grover Keady, 43, has been held in Cleveland, charged with the robbery, since late February. He was captured in Tulsa, Okla.

The Government action followed the capture of Brock in Youngstown. He reportedly made sworn affidavits that Karpis and Campbell led the gang. He was brought to Cleveland under heavy guard two days ago and has been held incommunicado.

St. Paul, May 1 (U.P.)—The two wealthy St. Paul men whom Alvin Karpis is accused of kidnaping were pleased tonight when notified the notorious gangster had been captured.

William Hamm, jr., scion of a brewing family, who was kidnaped by the Barker-Karpis gang June 15, 1933, and released four days later for \$100,000 ransom, mildly stated: "I am glad to know he has been captured. Thank you for calling."

Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul banker, kidnaped by the same gang, January 17, 1934, and held captive 21 days before \$200,000 ransom was paid, said:

"When those Federal men go to work they do a bang-up job. I'm glad to hear they've captured Karpis, but I knew they would."

Convenient Judge Started Karpis On His Career

Desperado Won Fame Only After Being Paroled in 1931.

Like many another modern desperado, Alvin Karpis made a "name" for himself after being paroled. His most spectacular crimes—the murder of a sheriff, two major kidnappings and a long list of bank robberies—were committed in a period when, had not a kindly judge interfered, Karpis would have been in a penitentiary.

Perhaps the judge was thinking about Karpis' youth; perhaps he could not believe that the tall, pathetically thin young man with the blue eyes and the pale face was as bad as the Oklahoma police made him out to be. At any rate, the judge did not think Karpis ought to serve four years to which a jury in his own court had sentenced him, and so he placed him on parole.

That was in the fall of 1931. A month later Karpis had committed a murder and was well started on the riotous career that was to make him Public Enemy No. 1 in a country where there was plenty of competition.

Karpis, whose real name was Raymond Karpavicz, was born August 10, 1909, in Montreal, Canada, of Lithuanian parents. The family moved to the United States when he was a small boy.

First Arrested at 16.

He was first arrested in Topeka, Kans., when he was 16. The charge was stealing automobile tires. For that offense he was committed to the State industrial reformatory at Hutchinson for 10 years. There he met Lawrence Devol, and the two became fast friends. Three years after Karpis entered the institution, he and Devol—also known as Larry Barton—sawed through their cell bars and escaped.

They were arrested a year or so later in Kansas City. In their automobile was a safe-blowing kit. Karpis was sent back to the reformatory, but when knives were found on him he was shifted to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

He was released May 31, 1931. While in the penitentiary, Karpis met Freddie Barker, one of the several criminal sons of "Ma" Kate Barker, herself a specialist in robbery, kidnaping and murder. Now Karpis headed for Tulsa, Okla., where "Ma" had her headquarters.

Ultimately he was to become so powerful that the organization became known as the Barker-Karpis gang. Had it not been for the aforementioned judge, however, Karpis and the Barkers would have parted company for good two weeks after Karpis' arrival in Tulsa.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla., where he was wanted on a burglary charge. At that time he was using the name of George Haller.

He was sentenced to four years in the State Penitentiary in McAlester, Okla. But he never went there. After serving three months in the county jail, the judge who had presided at his trial paroled him.

He rejoined "Ma" Barker and her sons—Freddie, Arthur, also known as "Doc," and Herman and Lloyd. Other notorious criminals with whom he associated included Frank Nash and Verne Miller, the renegade sheriff who killed a Federal agent in the Kansas City "massacre" that followed an attempt to rescue Nash.

Karpis' underworld cronies called him "Old Creepy" because he got on their nerves. He was never very popular with the men, although "Ma" Barker, who knew a good bank robber when she saw one, liked and admired him.

On December 19, 1931, not long after he had been paroled, Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. He had walked into a garage to question them about a robbery the night before. Actually they had not taken part in the robbery, but rather than face a judge again Karpis gave Kelly "the blast."

Now Karpis and the Barkers moved into the Northwest to execute an amazing series of bank robberies. "Ma" Barker picked the banks and arranged for the getaway. Police have estimated that the gang got away with a half-million dollars and killed at least five persons.

Biggest Haul \$50,000.

Their biggest haul was \$50,000, carried away from the National Bank & Trust Co., in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. This, together with sums of \$20,000 and \$30,000 which they netted from periodical holdups, amounted to important money. But the Karpis-Barker gang was ambitious.

Early in the summer of 1933 the gang decided to espouse the kidnaping racket, and marked as the first victim William A. Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. Hamm was seized as he left his office for luncheon on June 15, 1933, and was taken to a farmhouse at Bensenville, Ill. On the night of June 17, his family paid the \$100,000 ransom, and Hamm was released near Wyoming, Minn.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Fred Barker, together with six other criminals, helped Karpis on this job, which had been planned by "Ma" Barker.

Not long afterwards, Karpis, "Ma"

Barker and her boys were in the kitchen of their St. Paul home when they heard the police were on their way. "Ma" suspected that somebody had "squealed" about their part in the Hamm kidnaping. Her suspicion fell on her second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap. It was decided that he must die. His stepson, Freddie, and Karpis invited Dunlap to take an automobile ride. A few days later, Dunlap's body, riddled with bullets, was found near a small town in Wisconsin.

The Hamm kidnaping, which had brought the gang \$100,000 so easily, encouraged Karpis and "Ma" Barker to seize another wealthy citizen of St. Paul. This time they were determined to double the ransom sum.

Their victim was Edward George Bremer, scion of another well-known family of St. Paul brewers and president of the Commercial State Bank. He was kidnaped on the morning of January 17, 1934, immediately after he had driven his daughter to school.

Bremer, too, was taken to Bensenville, Ill. He was held there until February 7, when the \$200,000 ransom was paid by his family.

The kidnapers had used flashlights in signaling to members of the Bremer family at the place where the pay-off occurred. They made the mistake of leaving these flashlights at the scene. Federal agents found them and traced them to a store in St. Paul, the owner of which identified Alvin Karpis as the purchaser.

That kidnaping was to prove the undoing of the Karpis-Barker gang. Karpis, the one-time petty thief, was now mentioned along with John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and the Nation's other first-rank mobsters. In the language of the underworld, he was "hot" and he had to keep moving.

"Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, went into hiding on a chicken farm in Florida. Karpis, with his girl friend, Dolores Delaney, and Harry Campbell and his girl visited the Barkers there, and then took over a place of their own farther south.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was tipped off to the whereabouts of the Barkers, and there followed one of the most spectacular gun battles in the Nation's history of crime.

A small army of Federal men was thrown around the Barker home. The agent in charge, risking his life, walked boldly up to the door

and asked "Ma" and her son to surrender.

"To hell with you all," said "Ma." Then, calling upstairs to Fred, she cried, "Let the damn Feds have it. Shoot!"

Young Barker blazed away with a machine gun. A moment later his mother joined him and trained another machine gun on the agents. They, meantime, were loosing a veritable hail of lead at the house.

Tear gas also was turned on the house, but Ma and her son continued to fire. At length a burst of rifle fire tore through the house and caught Ma. She dropped beside her machine gun. Fred caved in a few minutes later. He had 14 bullets in his body.

Karpis and Campbell heard about the raid, and, with their women, started North. They traveled in a stolen car; otherwise, they might have been spared a lot of trouble.

Auto Is Found.

Florida police broadcast the number of the car. Atlantic City police found it in a garage, and on orders of the Florida authorities set out to arrest the men who were driving it. They did not know, of course, when they went to the small hotel for the two men that they were Karpis and Campbell.

Consequently, they were ill-prepared for the battle that followed. Karpis drove them back with a machine gun, and he and Campbell made their way out of the hotel, stole another machine and made their escape. They left their women behind them, and one of them, Karpis' companion, shortly thereafter went to a maternity ward.

What finally brought about his capture apparently was the \$5,000 reward recently offered by Attorney General Homer Cummings. This was posted April 22. A few days later the Postoffice Department offered another \$2,000.

Whether this money was posted as part of a bargain with the informer may never be known. At

any rate, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was confident for several days that Karpis was "in the bag."

J. Edgar Hoover was in New York three nights ago. He left there for New Orleans, traveling presumably by plane, and yesterday led the raid in which Karpis was seized.

Incidentally, it was Hoover's first arrest. He directed the war against the underworld that brought down such criminal celebrities as John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson, but never until yesterday had he actually arrested a man. Asked by a Senate appropriations committee recently whether he had ever made an arrest, Hoover explained that it was not until a year ago that he and his men were authorized to make arrests.

Hoover took more than a professional interest in Karpis. Last summer he received a message from Karpis threatening his life.

Harry Campbell, Karpis' radio singer companion, does not now become public enemy No. 1. Department of Justice officials explained last night.

There are two men whom Hoover's men would much rather arrest. They are William Mahan, sought as the remaining principal in the Weyerhauser kidnaping, and Thomas R. Robinson, jr., who kidnaped Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, of Louisville, Ky., and held her for \$50,000.

Arthur (Doc) Barker would be high in the listing if he were at large, but he is now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for his part in the Bremer kidnaping.

MAY 2, 1936.

G-Men Fly Karpis to St. Paul for Trial

'Public Enemy No. 1' Captured by Agents in New Orleans Raid

Desperado Had Been Sought
for Kidnapings, Slayings and
Robberies Thruout Nation

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ST. PAUL, Minn.—Ten Justice Department agents and Alvin Karpis, captive public enemy No. 1, flew in a chartered plane early today toward St. Paul. It was believed Karpis will be arraigned for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy brewer.

Less than five hours after his capture in New Orleans yesterday afternoon, the desperate Karpis, suspected participant in four murders, two kidnapings, and innumerable robberies, was chained hand and foot and rushed to the airplane that had been chartered 24 hours before he was taken.

The plane landed in St. Louis to refuel. The glowering Karpis, last of the major public enemies on the G-Men's wanted list, did not leave the machine. After 47 minutes, the plane took off again in its race to place the long-sought desperado before the bar of justice in the quickest possible time.

HOOVER LED COUP

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who commanded the 20 Federal agents who captured Karpis without firing a shot, had a number of choices as to the captive's ultimate disposition

He is under indictment in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of a sheriff and in St. Paul for the Hamm kidnaping. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the Government's case against him there is considered "air-tight."

Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoner on the quick, dramatic dash northward. He was jubilant at the newest coup of his bureau in its war on kidnapers and interstate gangsters. Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1 on the G-Men's list for over a year, with a \$7000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-Men had also gotten "Machine Gun"

Atlantic City, was sent house on Orleans.

Early Friday, a twin-engine transport chartered from the Transcontinental and Western Air at Newark, N. J., airport. Hoover, who was in New York when the information was received, flew in it to Washington, where several of his lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-Men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived 20 agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers, and sub-machine guns, were assembled in the Justice Department offices in the Federal building there.

KARPIS UNARMED

Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. Then all got into several cars and approached the apartment building from several directions. Each agent took up his prearranged post, under cover but instantly available.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk toward his auto at the curb. Instantly, G-Men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side. He was unarmed.

Other agents went into action at once. In the Karpis apartment they arrested a handsome, 22-year-old girl whose identity the agents are concealing, and Fred Hunter, a suspected bank robber.

MR. AND MRS. O'HARA

Karpis and the girl had lived in the apartment as Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara since April 10, when Karpis is believed to have first gone to New Orleans. Karpis had made at least two mysterious auto trips since then. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter. Federal men believe that he had gone to a distant city and with Hunter participated in a hold-up. Federal agent suspected him of using New Orleans as a base for a number of robberies.

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Trapped



ALVIN KARPIS

Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her infamous sons—some dead and some alive.

FLEW TO NEW ORLEANS

Thru mysterious channels, the G-Men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since Jan. 1, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at

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

Soon after Karpis arrived in New Orleans, he went to the auto agency where Pucheu is employed. Pucheu met him at the door.

USED \$100 BILLS

"Let's don't talk here," said Karpis, casting an apprehensive glance at the big plate glass windows looking into the street.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

A few days later Pucheu's customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later, Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu glanced at the speedometer

and saw that a Karpis had driven almost 3000 miles.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Pucheu talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested that maybe he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters, and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night, while out driving, they saw the Plymouth parked in front of the Canal-st apartment house, and they told their friends that the man they believed was Karpis was living there.

"Why don't you tip off the G-Men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

GOT REPORT THURSDAY

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile, the gossip had spread over New Orleans. As early as Monday, persons strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends, had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the report reached the G-Men. Yesterday afternoon Karpis was taken into custody.

New Orleans police knew nothing of the trap. Excited neighbors telephoned them when it was sprung. They were said to be indignant that the Federal men had invaded their bailiwick without even a "by your leave."

An hour after Karpis was taken to the Justice Department's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers received a telephone call. A voice wanted them to send reporters over for "an announcement." The reporters found Hoover, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent McGee.

Smiling slightly, Hoover said:

"Gentlemen, I would like to announce for the Government that Alvin Karpis, your so-called Public Enemy No. 1, has been arrested by agents of the Department of Justice Investigation Department in an apartment on the first floor of a house at 3243 Canal-st, this city."

WASHINGTON NEWS

MAY 2, 1936.

Karpis Accused in Numerous Crimes

By United Press
Public Enemy Alvin Karpis is
suspected by Federal agents of parti-
cipation in the following crimes:

Murders:

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains,
Mo. (Indicted).

A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his
associate, Fred Barker, who is alleged
to have been killed as "a favor."

John Lazia, Kansas City politician.

The Kansas City Union Station
massacre in which gunmen shot down
a Federal agent, three peace officers,
and their prisoner.

Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

Kidnapings:

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker,
kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and released
on payment of \$200,000. (Indicted).

William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, kid-
naped June 16, 1933, and released on
payment of \$100,000. (Indicted).

Robberies:

The robbery of a mail train at
Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$46,000
was taken by a gang of machine-gun
bandits who included Federal agents
say, Karpis, Harry Campbell, another
hunted gangster and Fred Hunter,
who was captured with Karpis in New
Orleans. This occurred Nov. 7, 1935.

Innumerable others which, in most
cases, Federal agents believe Karpis
was falsely identified because of the
effect of his notoriety on the public
imagination.

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KARPIS, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, SEIZED

G-Men Trap Fugitive in New Orleans

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No shots were fired.—An unidentified woman was with the



ALVIN KARPIS
Captured in New Orleans

notorious bandit, who had eluded a nation-wide search by G-men for months.

HOOVER LEADS RAID

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, came here from Washington to direct the raid personally.

Also captured in the apartment was Fred Hunter, said to be wanted in Garrettsville, Ohio, for a \$35,000 mail robbery.

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"He never had a chance."
Someone called:
"Did he offer any resistance?"
Didn't Have a Chance

"Not a bit. He didn't have a chance."
"How long had he been in New Orleans?"
"Several months."
"Did he have a gun?"
"Not with him. He had one in the car outside."
The office door opened again and men poured out in a tightly drawn knot, like a football team in a flying wedge.
Karpis was in their midst.

FLAMING GUNS WRITE 10-YEAR KARPIS RECORD

**Captured Gang Chief Only 27;
Born in Canada, Disowned
By Parents for His Crimes**

Alvin Karpis, a criminal alien who first served time in the State industrial reformatory in 1926, was born in Montreal, Canada. His parents later migrated to the United States, and upon the start of Alvin's career of crime disowned him.

Karpis was one of the ring-leaders of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang of outlaws which preyed on the Middle West for several years under the leadership of Karpis, the late "Ma" Barker and her sons, "Doc" and Fred.

DOUBLY DANGEROUS

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SHOOT WAY FROM TRAP

Intensified police activity forced the gang to split up. Some months later Federal agents raided a hide-out at Oklawaha, Fla., killing Ma and Fred Barker, but Karpis and a follower, Harry Campbell, had left for Atlantic City the day before.

New impetus was added to the search for the two desperadoes recently when, on April 22, Attorney General Homer S. Cummings announced that the Justice Department was offering rewards of \$5,000 and \$2,500 for information leading to the capture of Karpis and Campbell, respectively.

NAMED IN MASSACRE

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.

KARPIS

PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1,

CAPTURED

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'FIRING SQUAD' TAKEN PRISON AS MEN TAKE KARPIS



ALVIN KARPIS
Charged Without a Shot

Special Plane Rushes Credit To St. Paul, Kidnap Scene; Girl and Pal Are Also Seized

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2 (Saturday) (U.P.). — Federal agents taking Alvin Karpis from New Orleans to St. Paul left here in a chartered plane at 12:39 a. m. today after a 47-minute stop to refuel.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 (U.P.). — Alvin Karpis, most dreaded and hunted outlaw in the country, was captured without bloodshed today by G-men as he left an apartment house near New Orleans' business center.

Personally directing the capture was J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who flew here for that purpose.

Seized with Karpis were Fred Hunter, wanted for a \$35,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio, and an unidentified woman.

Police in Ignorance

Out to avenge murders of four fellow agents, of which Karpis was suspected, the G-men struck with such dramatic suddenness that people in the neighborhood thought it a minor police case disturbance.

Moving so secretly city police knew nothing of their movements, but so sure of their prey that they had chartered a special airplane to take Karpis to St. Paul even before they sprung their trap, the Federal men ended the reign of the nation's No. 1 public enemy as he walked toward his parked automobile.

Flanked by Guns

The three prisoners were whisked to the post office building, and kept under heavy guard for two hours in the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

Then Karpis, flanked by eight G-men, all bristling with guns, was taken out to an automobile and started for the airport. The plane left at 8:30 (C.S.T.) for St. Paul, where William A. Hamm, Jr., was kidnaped allegedly by the Karpis-Barker gang.

Auto Salesman Given Credit for Rumor Which Spotted Fugitive

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 (U.P.). Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy of the nation, wanted for wholesale murder and robbery with a price of \$7,000 on his head, was captured unarmed and without bloodshed tonight.

The desperado was taken by G-men who lined up in firing squad formation before his apartment near the business section of New Orleans. Fred Hunter, wanted for a \$35,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio, and a pretty 22-year-old young woman, unidentified, were captured with Karpis.

Hoover at Scene

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They worked so secretly city police knew nothing of their movements, but were so sure of their prey that they had chartered an airplane to take the desperado to St. Paul long before he was captured.

Three hours after the capture, the plane, carrying ten sturdy G-men, heavily armed, and the shackled outlaw, was away from Shushan Airport.

Hamm Kidnap Charge

The Government wanted Karpis especially for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer. His dramatic transfer to St. Paul was at personal orders of Hoover, who flew here from New York to direct the capture.

The story of the capture began to unfold tonight from versions of Karpis' neighbors and laconic remarks in Government circles.

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

How Trap Was Sprung

Strange things began to happen around the apartment house about noon. Unfamiliar men were seen loitering.

At 5:30 sharp, 8 or 10 automobiles arrived, coming from all directions. All parked as near to the house as possible.

Karpis stepped from the porch and started for his car, parked at the curbing.

Men began to leap from cars, carrying sub-machine guns, shot-guns, tear gas guns and bombs. They seemed to take the same number of steps to previously-arranged positions. Facing the house, they pivoted sharply like a drill-squad of soldiers.

Karpis stood before them like a man facing a firing squad. He

pa. An instant, just long enough for six G-men to spring at him and pin his arms.

Woman Struggles

More G-men blocked all exits from the building. Others went inside, dragged Hunter and the woman from the apartment. Both were struggling. Hunter was cursing.

As the three prisoners were pushed into cars and sped away, excited neighbors called police. One woman said she saw a man running, bent, holding his side as if wounded.

Police found a trail of blood leading down the sidewalk. They learned, however, that the only blood spilled came from Jack Timlan, 6, who cut his foot while playing there shortly before.

Story of Tip Spreads

The story of the salesman's tip spread among Federal men tonight. Karpis went to the salesroom where the man is employed two weeks ago to ask about a new car.

He introduced himself as Edward O'Hara, the name he used since he moved into the apartment house on April 10. Pucheu was quoted as saying:

"He would not stand on the salesroom floor, but insisted on our going back into the shop. He asked me if the governor on the motor could be removed. A few days later I sold him the car. He paid in \$100 bills."

Saw Car at Curb

The salesman recently saw the new car parked at apartment house that was the scene of the capture. He said:

"I remarked to my wife that the man's face had looked familiar to me. I told her I was thinking about going to the Federal Bureau of Identification office. He resembles pictures of Karpis, I thought."

The salesman did not go to the bureau but it was believed he and

Girl and Robber Pal of Gang Boss Struggle As Agents Seize Them in Flat

his wife voiced their suspicions among friends, and they quickly had reached attentive ears of the G-men.

Transfer of Karpis from the Federal office to the airport kept the same swift pace of earlier events.

Hoover, nattily dressed in a brown suit, a nervous and brusque general in the nation's war on crime, stepped from the office and strode down the corridor. He mumbled:

KARPIS, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, SLIZED

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Notorious Fugitive Quelled Without a Shot; Woman, Pal Caught

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be dated in Garrettsville, Ohio, for a \$35,000 mail robbery.

The G-men surrounded the apartment, located on Canal Street, the main thoroughfare of the city, and only 20 blocks from the heart of the business section.

In Federal Jail

Karpis, Hunter and the woman came from the building and started toward their automobile. The officers closed in on them.

They offered no resistance, and were rushed to the Federal jail.

They were held incommunicado under the strongest guard available. A stack of guns was said to have been found hidden in the bandits' automobile.

Tip Source Hidden

One Federal officer said the fugitives had been here "quite a while." They said Hunter was a baseball fan, and probably came South to see some games where he thought he could escape detection.

Federal sources would give no hint as to the origin of their tip-off. It was learned that Hoover had been in the city secretly for several days.

David McGee, chief of the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Karpis would be taken immediately to St. Paul, and Hunter to Ohio.

So quietly and secretly was the arrest effected that even residents of the neighborhood were unaware that G-men were operating here.

Trail of Blood

Reports that no shots were fired were placed in doubt when a trail of blood was found, leading from in front of the apartment house, around the corner from Canal Street and into Jefferson Davis Parkway.

An eye witness of the capture said he saw a man running, his body hunched over as in pain, and clutching his side. This report led to belief one of the desperadoes may have been

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The "wanted" card distributed by the Justice Department on Karpis showed that his criminal record dated back to 1926, when he was sentenced to 10 years in the Kansas State reformatory on burglary charges. He escaped from that institution in 1929, but was caught and returned the following year.

Then began his real career as a gangster. He was loose again within a short time, finally returned again, and ended by being paroled from the Oklahoma State penitentiary after serving only one year of a four-year sentence for burglary.

Joins Barker Gang

Karpis had been working with the Barkers at intermittent periods since his escape from the Kansas institution in 1929, and after his parole in 1931 he tied in with the gang in earnest.

Bank robberies and shootings of various kinds were frequent. Then, in 1933, the gang turned its attention to kidnaping.

First was Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, whose return cost \$200,000 ransom. In January, 1934, the gang chose Theodore A. Hamm, jr., wealthy president of St. Paul's Theodore A. Hamm Brewing Company.

Federal and State searches were so intense after these kidnappings that the gang remained in cover for several months.

Finally, it split up. Doc Barker stayed in Chicago, with one or two minor members of the gang. Ma and Fred went to Oklawaha, Fla., where they found what they

believed to be a safe hideout. Karpis and Harry Campbell, who had joined the gang a short time before, went West.

In January, 1935, officers raided the Chicago hangout, capturing Doc Barker, two minor members, and two women. Careful search of the hideout and questioning of Doc finally brought up the name of Oklawaha.

Florida Raid Next

Next day a group of Federal agents began a careful investigation to determine if Ma and Fred actually were in Florida. They located the hideout, and planned a raid.

Daybreak of January 16, 1935, found the Barker hideout surrounded by Federal agents and police. Those within were called upon to surrender; a blaze of gunfire was the reply. After several hours the fight ended. The bodies of Ma and Fred were found inside.

Karpis and Campbell, however, had left Oklawaha the day before. Together with two women companions, they had visited the Barkers for several weeks, but had tired of the place and had left for Atlantic City.

Officials of the Jersey summer resort were notified.

Escape Hotel Trap

Police raided the hotel room in which Karpis and Campbell were hiding with an insufficient force and without making necessary arrangements.

Abandoning the women, Karpis and Campbell met the officers with blazing weapons, and managed to shoot their way out.

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In addition to the above, Karpis has the following deaths charged again 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., political power who refused Barker and Karpis "permission" to open a gambling resort.

20 Men Trap Bandit In New Orleans Camp

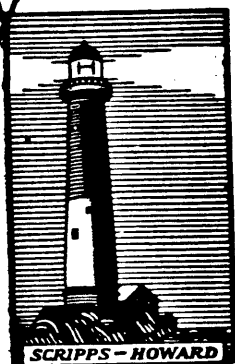


PUBLIC ENEMY ALVIN KARPIS
Trapped by G-Men Without a Shot Being Fired

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**Jumbo Breaks
Bread With 2
Guests at Zoo.**



—Staff Photos by Charles Byers.

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**75,000 AWAIT
'THEY'RE OFF'
AT CHURCHILL**

**Classic's Biggest Crowd Jams
Track; Skies Alternately
Sunny, Threatening**

By **GEORGE KIRKSEY**,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
**CHURCHILL DOWNS, LOUIS-
VILLE, Ky., May 2 (UP)—**Under
skies that were alternately sunny
and threatening, the largest throng
ever to see a horse race in the
United States crowded into
Churchill Downs this afternoon for
the 62nd running of the Kentucky
Derby.

Seventy-five thousand persons
were packed into the historic old
race track to see the crowning of
a new equine champion, successor

Waving Shirt Saves Wounded Boy's Life

**Oak Harbor Student Flags Aid With Shirt Tied
to Rifle On Hunting Trip**

News-Bee State Service.

OAK HARBOR, May 2.—Alone and bleeding from a
rifle bullet through his stomach, Robert Grieger, 17, Oak
Harbor High School student, probably saved his own life
this afternoon when he rallied
sufficiently to tear off his
shirt, tie it to his rifle barrel
and wave a wigwag until help
came.

The bullet, believed to be a
stray shot from a friend's rifle,
perforated his abdomen and
knocked him down. He lay for half
an hour, weak and bleeding, be-
fore he could pull himself together.

Two brothers, Lyle and Leland
Carter, saw the victim, summoned
older people and brought Robert
to town.

The accident happened in a brushy area near the

Fire In---Out

**Smoke-Eaters Wait At
Ease for Blaze
To Come**

A fire came to the fire engines

last night.

A flaming box car was towed

three-fourth of a mile into the

city to station at the Toledo De-

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Saturday night; Sunday, fair and cooler.

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KARPIS FLIGHT SEEING KARPIS

Field Is Cut to 14

NO. 1 PRISONER



Alvin Karpis, last of the bad
men spawned in prohibition days,
link in the "snatch racket."

G-MEN LAND NO. 1 OUTLAW AT ST. PAUL

Desperado, Chained Hand and
Foot, Shakes on Eve of
Kidnap Hearing

By STEVE RICHARDS

United Press Staff Correspondent.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2 (UP)—
Shackled hand and foot, Alvin
Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was
flown to St. Paul in an airliner
chartered by G-men today.

The stammering, pasty-faced
gunman, captured in New Orleans
last night without a shot being
fired, probably will be tried for
kidnaping William Hamm Jr.,
wealthy brewer.

MISSSES BIG CHANCE



John Zetzer, Port Clinton gar-
rage man, had a fine chance to
turn Karpis in and win thou-

PORT CLINTON MAN TELLS OF AIDING BANDIT

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2 (UP)—
J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
declined to comment today when
informed through a G-man aid
that John Zetzer had told News-
Bee reporters of his detention by
federal operatives a month ago.

Hoover, declining to discuss the
Port Clinton man's revelations
though a federal spokesman, was
preparing this afternoon for a re-
turn flight to the national capital
after helping escort Alvin Karpis
here.

John Zetzer, 31-year-old Port

Elephant pumpernickle? Here you see (1) Steward Douglass Hook at the Toledo Zoo at work in his bakehouse turning out "elephant" bread and just to prove it's edible for humans he takes a big bite of it (2.) News-Bee Staff Writer Lev Flournoy (4) doesn't seem any more enthusiastic about its edible qualities but Toots (8) does away with it a loaf at a time. Story on Page 8.

Market Summary

Stocks fractions to more than a point lower in dull trading. Bonds quiet and mixed. Curb stocks lower, quiet. Chicago stocks off fractions to a point. Foreign exchange: United States dollar slightly easier. Grains: Wheat off almost a cent; others easy; rye at new seasonal lows.

Editor's Talk

WHERE there are crowds, there is news. Where there is news crowds gather. Newspapers live off crowds. Yet I don't like to be in crowds. I don't like to be hustled and jostled. I'm probably the only man in Toledo who can say honestly that he is glad he isn't in Louisville today watching the Kentucky Derby.

There will be a great clearing house of public opinion in the Kentucky metropolis today. The banker from New York will be the guest of the banker from Louisville at the clubhouse.

THE b. from N. Y. will say: "Isn't this Roosevelt terrible?" Only he will probably put it in a more blistering fashion, which couldn't be represented in this column, designed for family reading.

"Yes, sir, terrible," the b. from L. will agree.

Bankers will eat with bankers, business men will share boxes with business men, big tobacco manufacturers will play hosts to jobbers, and they will all talk the same talk, express the same opinion, and go home agreeing happily that Roosevelt is going to take an awful licking next November.

BUT DON'T bet your money that way, boys. It's all right to talk it over, but don't let sentiment run away with your business judgment.

There's only one thing that could stop FDR next November, and that is something that the boys in the boxes at the Derby wouldn't want to happen. It would be that the recovery would commit suicide, and that the country would plunge back into the depths of the depression.

It's too high a price, even for those who dislike Mr. Roosevelt very much.—C. E. M.

The gala crowd—including five governors and hundreds of notables from California to Maine—was in holiday mood despite the gloomy skies. They jammed the pari-mutuels windows, packed the bars and lounges, and displayed their finery on the lawn and in the long stretch of the clubhouse, from the eighth pole to the finish line.

Shortly after the first race a slow drizzle started—not enough to change the condition of the fast track, but just enough to make the crowd take cover.

Five scratches reduced the field to 14, all of which were expected to go to the post at 4:40 p. m. (5:40 E. S. T.). The gross value will be \$48,550 and the winner's share \$38,125.

Seventh Heaven, a filly, and Dnelper were the first two scratched. Shortly before noon Forest Play, coupled with Grand Siam, was declared out. With Dnelper out, Joseph E. Widener's Brevity, the heavy favorite, will run alone.

The fourth scratch was Col. E. R. Bradley's Banister. That left Bien Joli the only Bradley entry in the classic.

The field was reduced to 14 when Mrs. Beale Franzheim's Silas was scratched.

Col. Matt Winn, 74-year-old executive director of Churchill Downs, looked over the huge throng, and smilingly said:

"This is one of the happiest days of my life. There never was such a crowd at a horse race."

Final News FLASHES

Union Picks Milwaukee

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Milwaukee was chosen for the 1937 convention of the International Union, United Automobile Workers of America, today in a spirited contest with Flint, Mich.

Lottery Contest Banned

NEW YORK—The American Association for Legalizing American Lotteries, sponsors of a contest banned by the postoffice, was overruled today in an attempt to obtain an injunction to force Postmaster Albert Goldman to deliver its mail.

Marsh Gets Church Post

COLUMBUS, O.—Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston University, has been named chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, through which the controversial report of the Methodist Federation for Social Service must pass before going to the floor of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference here. (Earlier story on Page Five.)

MAN IS ELECTROCUTED

VAN WERT, O., May 2.—B. J. Longworth, 50, of Van Wert, was electrocuted late Thursday when he seized a live wire while aiding in moving a house at Middle Point. The shock killed him instantly.

Robert and Scott Martin, also 17, had gone hunting, but had become separated. It is feared the bullet which hit Ro. was from Scott's gun.

Both parents of the injured boy are in Toledo. The mother, Mrs. Leota Griger, had left for Toledo a half hour before the accident. The father, Harold Grieger, a truck driver, was in Toledo on business. Oak Harbor friends had failed to locate them early this afternoon.

The boy was taken to a Port Clinton Hospital where his condition was said to be serious.

On the Pacific Railroad, caught fire on the Baltimore & Ohio tracks outside the city.

The car was towed to the E. & O. bridge on Miami Street. District Chief James Dutton estimated damage to the car at \$400.

SAME NUMBER, PLEASE
MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 2 (UP)—Dr. G. W. Musgrave obtained a permanent injunction to prevent the telephone company changing his office phone number. He said he had "kept the number 25 years and it would wreck my practice to have it changed."

50-Mile Gale Hits City; Several Hurt

Trees Uprooted, Signs and Wires Blown Down; Auto Strikes Boy

Several persons were injured and extensive damage caused by a severe thunderstorm which struck Toledo and vicinity at noon today.

High wind, at times reaching a velocity of 50 miles an hour, uprooted large trees, blew over signboards and small buildings and unroofed several buildings.

An 8-year-old boy, Duane Sheley, was severely injured when he was struck by an auto as he ran across Monroe Street in the 3900 block during the height of the wind and rain storm.

He was taken to Toledo Hospital, where it was believed he is suffering from a leg fracture. He was struck by a car driven by Francis Barrow, 4310 Monroe Street.

Leo Gillis, 60, of 817 Euclid Avenue, received minor injuries when a billboard was blown over on him in the 400 block of Front Street. He was rescued from under the billboard by Joseph and Steve Honiako, 414 Front Street.

Russell Harting, 3017 Case Street, proprietor of the East End Garage, 248 Millard Avenue, received bruises when he was struck

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THE WEATHER

Toledo and vicinity: Showers and cooler tonight; Sunday, fair and cooler; moderate to fresh southerly winds, becoming north to northwest by Sunday.

TEMPERATURE RECORDED

1 a. m. 65	8 a. m. 68
2 a. m. 66	7 a. m. 67
3 a. m. 64	6 a. m. 63
4 a. m. 63	5 a. m. 60
5 a. m. 63	10 a. m. 72

Highest yesterday, 83; low last night, 62; highest this date in 63 years, 85; low, 51.

Latest

MICHIGAN TROUNCES O COLUMBUS—The University day gained an easy 16-to-2 victory over Kocsis, the Wolverine ace, who for medal honors.

PATTY PERG SHOOTS UN GLENEAGLES, Scotland—hit her stride today and shot a fine round for next Wednesday between America and Great Britain three strokes under the informal

WOMEN'S WESTERN GOLF CHICAGO—A former national champion, Mrs. O. S. H. Wie, Chicago, and Mrs. O. S. H. rankings for the 1936 season of Association today. Marian Mile L. D. Cheney, Los Angeles, Cur next in the western listings, each

FRANCE CLINCHES SECOND PARIS—France clinched the European Zone Davis Cup doubles team defeated China. Bernard halted Kho Sin Kie and 6-2 for France's third victory game series. Holland needs to move into the second round against

VISITORS FLEE ADDIS ABABA

Foreigners Seek Shelter in
British Compound as
Mobs Run Wild

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The American legation at Addis Ababa reported to the state department late today that the Ethiopian government had evacuated the capital. In a second message the legation reported that the entire city, including municipal buildings, was in flames.

LONDON, May 2.—Foreigners in Addis Ababa, including a little group of Americans, today covered by barbed wire entanglements in a British legation, as Emperor Haile Selassie fled before the approaching Italian armies, and save, armed Ethiopian mobs looted the city. About 3000 foreigners are known to be in Addis Ababa. Among them are Ben Ames and James Rohrbaugh, United Press correspondents, and four United States naval officers. Washington records show Americans remain in the city, elsewhere in Ethiopia. News of the imminent danger to foreigners was transmitted in a dispatch from Sir Sidney Barton,

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Sports

OHIO STATE GOLFERS
y of Michigan golf team to-
ry over Ohio State. Charley
an even par round of 71

BER PAR IN PRACTICE
Patty Berg of Minneapolis
par-shattering 74 in a prac-
Curtis Cup golf series be-
in. Patty toured the course
l women's par.

F RANKINGS LISTED
nal champion, Virginia Van
of Kansas City headed the
the Women's Western Golf
, Lexington, Ky., and Mrs.
is Cup team members, were
with scratch handicaps.

ID-ROUND CUP BERTH
berth in the second round
eliminations today when its
Jean Borotra and Marcel
Gordon Lum, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6,
the best three-out-of-five-
ly one victory tomorrow to
inst France.

newsmen as well as spectators were
barred.

A dozen G-men from the St. Paul
headquarters were waiting to help
shift Karpis to a waiting auto. Ten
federal men, commanded by J. Ed-
gar Hoover, chief of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, who made
the arrest last night, were aboard
the plane.

RETURNED 16 HOURS AFTER CAPTURE

Barely 16 hours after the cap-
ture in New Orleans, Karpis was
returned to the city where alleg-
edly he engineered two of the na-
tion's most sensational kidnappings,
those of Hamm and Edward G.
Bremer.

Ten minutes after the airliner
slid into the Army hangar, Karpis
was at Department of Justice
headquarters.

He will be locked in the "escape-
proof" cell at County Jail once oc-
cupied by "Doc" Barker, Tommy
Touhy, Volney Davis, Willie Davis
and others of the Barker-Karpis
gang.

Karpis is the last of the Barker
Karpis mob, although his recent
associate, Harry Campbell, still is
at large.

Karpis was wearing a faded
straw hat and a soiled white shirt,
open at the neck—the same clothes
he had when agents seized him
late yesterday.

The giant TWA plane City of In-
dianapolis which brought Karpis
here was wheeled into a closed
hangar before the prisoner was re-
moved. A dozen local department
operatives, carrying sub-machine
guns and sawed-off shotguns,
formed a cordon around the plane
door.

KARPIS IS NERVOUS AND SHAKING BADLY

Both Karpis' hands were tightly
manacled. He was handcuffed to
an agent. Karpis appeared to be
extremely nervous and shaking
badly.

His return to St. Paul was in
contrast to the last time he was
here—two years ago. Then the
Barker-Karpis gang was fleeing
after looting the Sioux Falls, S. D.,
bank. The mob of desperadoes
was in its hey-day.

Karpis was loaded into one of
five autos provided by local agents.
He was placed in the back seat
between two heavily armed opera-
tives. With two cars proceeding
and two following, the cavalcade
dashed to the Department of Jus-
tice offices.

TO FACE QUESTIONING ON TWO KIDNAPINGS

Hoover directed Karpis' removal
from the plane.

E. J. Connelly, head of the de-
partment's "kidnap squad," also
was on the plane. He came from
Cincinnati.

The ship was scheduled to have
arrived here early this morning
but it was delayed five hours.

At the department office, Karpis
was to be subjected to immediate
questioning concerning the \$200,000
Bremer abduction and the \$200,000
Hamm kidnaping.

The plane landed early today in
St. Louis to refuel.

Fog forced the giant Douglas
transport down at the Kansas City

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G-MEN NAB BROTHER OF KARPIS PART 2

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ited from the city by federal
agents.

Baseball

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

At Kansas City—
Tol... 4
K. C... 0
Beane, Trach; Page, Madjeski
At Minneapolis—
Ind... 2
Minn... 1
Belen, Riddle; Grabowski; George
At St. Paul—
Col... 00
St. P... 00
Cooper, Owen; Rigney, Pasak
Louisville at Milwaukee, wet grounds.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Chicago—
N. Y... 000 120 010
Chi... 001 200 010
Schumacher, Mancuso; French,
Markert
At Pittsburgh—
Bos... 000 001 00
Pitts... 300 001 02
Chaplin, Lopez; Tising, Padden
At Cincinnati—
Phila... 000 004 0
Cin... 003 000 0
Walters, Wilson; Hollingsworth,
Lombardi
At St. Louis—
Bklyn... 000 0
St. L... 001
Frankhouse, Barros; Walker, Davis

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Philadelphia—
Det... 410 800 00
Phila... 240 010 00
Bowe, Hayworth; Kelley, Mayor
At Washington—
St. L... 110 00
Wash... 004 2
VanAtta, Kemaley; Whitehill, Bolton
At Boston—
Cleve... 000 100 03
Bos... 020 000 01
Hildebrand, Pytlak; Ostermuller,
E. Ferrell
At New York—
Chi... 101 000 220 — 6 9 0
N. Y... 000 801 000 — 4 9 1
Stratton, Sewell; Ewing, Dickey

Zetzer, "kidnaping" mysteriously
20 days ago and absent from Port
Clinton for a week, admitted that
he was in the hands of J. Edgar
Hoover, chief of the G-men, and
his aids during that time. He re-
vealed to them the flight he had
made, identified Karpis from pic-
tures Mr. Hoover laid before him,
and has since kept silent.

At the time of the flight, Zetzer
told the G-men and again told
News-Bee representatives this
morning, he had no idea of Karpis'
identity, and assumed him and his
two companions to be young busi-
ness men.

Check Airport Records

Zetzer's explanation of his mys-
terious absence and the events that
preceded it marked another mile-
stone in an intensive hunt for Kar-
pis which centered in the Toledo
area 30 days ago.

The G-men, coming into Toledo
in March, learned from airport re-
cords of the Karpis flight. They
immediately checked Zetzer's story
while they still held him a virtual
prisoner in a hotel room here. His
story placed Karpis as disembark-
ing from the plane on Nov. 11.
From the trail picked up at Hot
Springs, the Government agents
followed Karpis to New Orleans.

"That's the man or he has a
double," Zetzer told News-Bee re-
porters at his garage at Port Clin-
ton this morning. "I didn't know
who he was as the time. He
looked like a prosperous young
business man to me and so did the
two who were with him."

Zetzer learned none of their
names. Karpis was called "Tom,"
he said by his companions. An-
other was called "Slim," he said.
"I didn't catch the other man's
name," he said.

Zetzer told News-Bee reporters
a thrilling story of a flight of more
than 1200 miles in a second-hand
Stinson plane that he bought in
Toledo with his savings the day
before for \$1700.

Bought Plane Here

"The first I heard of this busi-
ness," he said, "was when the man
I later learned was Karpis drove
up to my garage and honked. I
went out and he told me that he
wanted to fly to the Southwest
and would pay me \$500 for the trip.
I took him up and he said he'd see
me later. I had been trying to
buy a plane, had been to Detroit
two or three times, and this man's
offer, \$500, sounded good, if the
thing went through.

"He came back several times,

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WIND HELPS OWENS EQUAL '100' RECORD

COLUMBUS, May 2 (UP)—Run-
ning on a water-soaked track but
with a strong wind at his back,
Jesse Owens, Ohio State's Negro
speedster, today equalled the
world record for the 100-yard
dash in a dual track meet with
Michigan.

Owens' time was 9.4 seconds.
He defeated Sam Stoller of Michi-
gan by a yard. Don Spitz of
Ohio was third.

THESE MAPS LED TO KARPIS' TRIGGER FINGER

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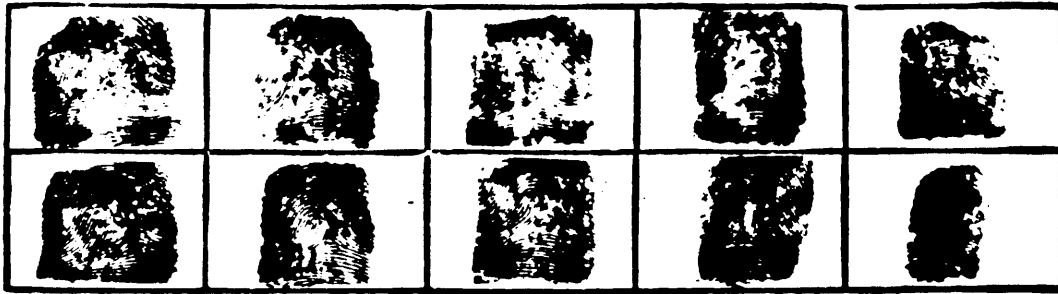
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED

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

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 25 years (1908), height, 5 feet,
5-3/4 inches, weight, 130 pounds;
Build, slender; hair, brown; Eyes,
blue; Complexion, fair;
Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle
left index finger

RELATIVES:

Mr. John Karpis, father, 7847 North
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 7847 North
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Emily Seibold, sister, 7840 North
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. Robert (Clara) Seibold, sister,
1829 West Erie Street, Chicago,
Illinois.
Mrs. Albert (Anella) Gross, sister,
1234 North Monroe Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Photograph taken May 19, 1933.



Alvin Karpis

CRIMINAL RECORD

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

As Raymond Madley, #17807, arrested
Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri,
March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and
safe blowing; released to State Industrial
Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an
escapee.

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

As George Haller, #9006, arrested Police
Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931;
charge, investigation-burglary; delivered
Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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

Fingerprints found on a gasoline can used by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer were twins of the ones found by G-men in their records of Alvin Karpis' career of crime. The smudges were maps that eventually led to his capture, that put G-men on a trail to be studded by bodies of four federal agents, victims of outlaw guns.

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TOLEDO NEWS-BEE

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G-MEN NAB BROTHER OF KARPIS PARTNER

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Here's Karpis' Crime Record Told in Brief

By UNITED PRESS

Public Enemy Alvin Karpis is suspected by federal agents of participation in the following crimes:

MURDERS

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo. (indicted).

A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his associate, Fred Barker, who is alleged to have been killed as "a favor."

John Lutz, Kansas City policeman.

The Kansas City Union Station massacre in which gunmen shot down a federal agent, three peace officers and their prisoner.

Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

KIDNAPINGS

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and released on payment of \$500,000. (Indicted).

William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped June 16, 1933, and released on payment of \$100,000. (Indicted).

ROBBERIES

The robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, O., in which \$45,000 was taken by a gang of machine gun bandits that included, federal agents say, Karpis, Harry Campbell, another hunted gangster, and Fred Hunter, who was captured with Karpis in New Orleans. This occurred Nov. 7, 1935.

Innumerable others, which, in most cases, federal agents believe Karpis was falsely identified because of the effect of his notoriety on the public imagination.

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Karpis Turns Yellow, Head G-Man Reports

Captured Alive



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Trembles All Over When Surrounded, Hoover Says.

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 criminal who boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive" but who was "scared to death" when federal agents seized him in New Orleans, was held today in the federal building while authorities questioned him regarding three kidnappings and other crimes.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal department of investigation who led the capture, related details of how Karpis was trapped in New Orleans yesterday and how he "turned yellow" at the last moment. "Karpis said he'd never be taken alive," said Hoover, "but we took him without firing a shot. That marked him as a dirty, yellow rat. He was scared to death when we closed in on him. He shook all over—his voice, his hands and his knees."

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents at 8:47 A. M. today after a dramatic airplane trip in which several stops and wide detours were forced by severe flying weather. During the trip Karpis was chained to his seat. Other than the weather there were no untoward incidents.

Hoover said Karpis is wanted for three kidnappings, the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer abductions, and that of a doctor whose car was commandeered after the gangster shot his way out of a trap in Atlantic City, N. J. He is under indictment for both the

Hamm and Bremer kidnappings which yielded ransom of \$300,000.

Karpis also was accused of slaying a sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows," Hoover said.

Karpis was held temporarily in the federal building and federal officials declined to say when he would be moved to the county jail. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said he had no plans yet for arraigning the prisoner.

Woman Posed as Hunter's Wife

The woman known as Ruth Hunter and captured at the same time as Karpis was identified by Hoover as a woman who posed as Mrs. Ruth Hunter but who, in reality, is not Hunter's wife.

Hoover said she was being held in New Orleans without charge and indicated she may be released after further questioning.

Asked Karpis' reaction when he was told to throw up his hands Hoover said:

"He was so damned scared he couldn't talk."

Hoover said the department was "glad to take him alive" and the capture of the No. 1 badman "ring down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob."

When asked whether Harry Campbell, fugitive in the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping and pal of Karpis, now would be designated as public enemy No. 1, Hoover said:

"We don't give them any rating in the federal bureau of investigation. They are all yellow rats to us. That was proven last night."

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Outlaw Seizure Solves Mystery Of John Zetzer

The mystery of the disappearance last March of John Zetzer, 31, Port Clinton garage man, was solved today when Zetzer admitted he had been in custody of G-men for a week because they knew he had flown Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and members of his gang from Port Clinton to Hot Springs, Ark., after the \$40,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery.

The Blade, the day after Zetzer's disappearance, which had been announced as a kidnaping, revealed that Zetzer was in the custody of the federal agents.

Zetzer revealed to the G-men at that time that he had flown Karpis and the gang to Hot Springs, Ark., but did not know the identity of his passengers until the government men showed him pictures of the noted criminal. It is known Karpis was living in the vicinity of Toledo at that time.

Immediately the government agents who were in the vicinity chartered a plane at Akron and flew to Hot Springs but word of their destination leaked out and Karpis, being appraised of their coming, fled before they arrived.

Zetzer Offered \$500

Zetzer said that last October a man, later identified as Karpis, came to his garage and offered him \$500 to charter a plane and take him to Hot Springs, Ark. The man wore octagon shaped glasses, was quietly dressed and soft spoken.

He said that he then bought a cabin plane from Delbert Gross, 211 Platt street, Toledo, and awaited further orders.

On Nov. 6, the day before the Garrettsville robbery, Zetzer said Karpis came to the garage and told him to meet him at the airport but that the noted criminal failed to appear at the appointed time.

Zetzer said he next saw Karpis on Nov. 8, and that he had two men whom he called Jack and Slim with him. Karpis carried a bulky briefcase, believed to have carried the loot and weapons. None of the trio permitted Zetzer to handle their luggage. They got into the plane at the Port Clinton airport and took off.

Taken to Hot Springs

At Memphis, Tenn., the plane had a forced landing but refueled and took off for Tulsa, Okla., where Slim got out. Zetzer then took Karpis and Jack to Hot Springs, returning the next day after being paid \$500.

It was this information given by Zetzer when he was in custody of the G-men that led to the fruitless raid on a dwelling at Hot Springs.

Zetzer said he knew John Brock, who was arrested in Youngstown this week and who is reported to have confessed his part in the Garrettsville robbery.

Zetzer said that he had no idea of the identity of his passengers until the G-men, in a Toledo hotel, showed him a picture of Karpis and he identified it as being that of the leader of the group and the

Man Who Had Started the plane. Zetzer was questioned both in Toledo and Cleveland by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men, E. S. Connelley, in charge of the agents searching for Karpis and others.

Wires Tapped

Hoping that Karpis and his gang might want to contact Zetzer again, the government agents released the garage man and told him to return home but to do no talking. Meantime, telephone wires in Toledo and Port Clinton were tapped and mail watched to see if Karpis would attempt to get in touch with the pilot by those means.

Zetzer denied that he ever had taken Karpis and Harry Campbell, the latter's chief lieutenant, to Middle Island, a small island in Lake Erie just north of the international line and seven miles east of Put-In Bay.

Although the Hot Springs trip proved a fizzle, the agents did not relax their vigilance.

Two weeks ago, The Blade learned that the government men had information that Karpis was in Louisiana and that most of the agents had gone to that territory. The capture of the noted criminal in New Orleans verifies that information.

The Barker-Karpis gang made Toledo its hideouts on two occasions. The first time was immediately after the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934.

Fingers Doctored Here

Immediately after the \$200,000 ransom had been paid and Bremer released, the gang sped to Toledo. Part of them occupied a cottage in Point Place and others stayed at a downtown hotel. It was in Toledo that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, later slain by the kidnapers to prevent him from talking, operated on the fingers of Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred Barker and Karpis in hopes of preventing identification by finger prints should they be caught.

James J. Wilson, another member of the gang, had an aunt living in Toledo.

Wilson, one of the gang members who was convicted, testified that when he arrived in Toledo in April, 1934, after the Bremer kidnaping, he made his way to the Casino club and asked for Ted Angus.

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Stayed at Casino

"I asked Ted where to get in contact with Shorty (Fred Barker, who was slain by federal operatives in Florida), and he said Shorty was in town but would not say where Shorty was," testified Wilson. "I stayed at the Casino club that night in a small room and the next day I walked to the home of Shorty in Point Place."

"There I met Shorty and Paula, his wife (Paula Harmon, consort of Barker)."

Wilson also testified that Dr. Moran requested that he drive Fred Barker to Toledo because the latter's fingers were incapacitated."

Karpis and his pal, Campbell, fled to Toledo after they escaped from a trap laid by G-men at an Atlantic City hotel Jan. 1, 1935. Their automobile was found abandoned in the Dixie highway at LaSalle, Mich., 18 miles north of Toledo. One hundred cottages along the lake front were searched but the men fled.

Here Later Also

Karpis also visited Toledo later in the year, staying in a cottage near the old Casino grounds. It is said a city official played cards with him one night and was dumbfounded later when he learned the identity of the player.

It is understood that at one time last year as many as 10 department of justice men were assigned to Toledo to capture Karpis, and that the criminal fled the city only a day or so before the operators closed in on him.

After the holdup of the Garrettsville mail train, Karpis and Campbell again sped to the island region and were helped by their northwestern Ohio contacts. But when the G-men learned of their whereabouts, it was too late, for Karpis and Campbell had become wary and had left for the south.

MAY TRY KARPIS IN TRAIN ROBBERY

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The postoffice inspection service said today it will seek to try Alvin Karpis for the Garrettsville, O., train robbery last November unless he is given a death sentence in an earlier trial.

"We've felt we would have to defer to the kidnaping and murder charges first," an official explained. "But if he is only given a long sentence or life imprisonment, we will try to hang our charge on him, too."

Pilot for Karpis



JOHN ZETZER

John Zetzer, Port Clinton garage man and airplane pilot, admitted today that he had flown Alvin Karpis, noted criminal and his gang to Hot Springs, Ark., after the gang held up a mail train at Garrettsville, O., last fall. Zetzer said he did not know the identity of the men at the time.

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Langendorf were ordered in other branches of city service this week, these being for the most part a result of the insistence of John N. Eddy, city manager, that department heads reduce expenses to come within appropriations.

Early in the week Mr. Edy ordered the discharge of Arthur Rappalie, superintendent, and the immediate reorganization of the city garage which he described as "the rawest thing in the municipal service."

Mr. Edy said his investigation showed that the entire garage department had been conducted in loose and impractical manner. He said that some of the charges made by the garage were out of all reason. Among other charges he made was one that his inquiry showed that police department cars get less than eight miles to a gallon of gasoline and that excessive sums were charged the police for motor repairs.

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KARPIS CAPTURED BY U. S. AGENTS

Captured Alive



ALVIN KARPIS

SURRENDERS PEACEFULLY IN NEW ORLEANS

No. 1 Outlaw Is Flown
to St. Paul in
Chains.

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1 who was captured last night by 20 G-men who surrounded him near his hideout in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport at 8:50 A. M. today and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to 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 who 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.

Weather conditions, it was believed, forced the plane off the direct route from New Orleans to St. Paul via Chicago, and the trip was by way of Indianapolis, thence to St. Louis and Kansas City. At the latter city the plane was stopped more than three hours before taking off at 5:30 A. M. on the final leg of the trip here.

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Chained to Seat During Trip

At the Kansas City airport an attendant said Karpis was chained to his seat and was not permitted to leave the plane during the long stop.

Twenty St. Paul federal agents had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 8 A. M.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department of justice, personally supervised handling of the notorious outlaw.

The big liner was landed near the 109th aero squadron headquarters, national guard and backed into a hangar, heavily guarded by federal agents.

The last part of the long overnight hop from New Orleans was completed in anything but perfect flying weather. While visibility was good here, there was a strong gusty north wind blowing.

From time to time several others of the Karpis gang have been sent along to federal prisons.

Karpis will be confined in the Ramsey county jail pending trial on kidnaping charges.

Federal agents said that they did not bring along Fred Hunter who was also seized in the New Orleans trap last night.

Karpis was transported from the airport in a big sedan containing, besides the driver, four federal agents who guarded the outlaw with machine guns.

The prisoner wore a summer suit and a straw hat, apparel not in keeping with the blustery weather which found the temperature hovering just a few degrees above the freezing mark.

Surrenders Without Shot

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NEW ORLEANS, May 2—Federal agents whisked Alvin Karpis northward in manacles by airplane today to answer for kidnapings, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

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 levied by 15 or 20 agents to take the flight 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.

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 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935.

Swiftly the agents shackled the 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.

Karpis, who has a criminal record for 10 of his 28 years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 P. M. and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Stop Indicates Goal St. Paul

Hoover went in and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to discuss 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 that resulted in the arrests.

A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms, of Topeka, Kas., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

At Cleveland, Sylvester J. Hettrick, postoffice 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."

Calls Capture Further Tribute to G-Men

The 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.

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 secrecy-shrouded night flight.

He had been living in the apartment with the woman. Hunter visited them nightly.

Trailed Two Months by Federal Agents

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 last two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

The nationwide 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.

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. 18, 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 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, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kas., for stealing automobile tires.

Escapes by Sawing Way Through Bars

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 wealthy state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

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.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the fatal interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

Barker Pleads Guilty to Bremer Kidnaping

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful 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 strictly out of the limelight.

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, officers agreed.

The strength of the federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the cleanup complete.

Successor of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Blayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."

Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Blayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce last Nov. 22 on charges of neglect and cruelty.

Thought Barker Bad Influence on Karpis

"I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin," she said.

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz of Chicago, the arrest was the climax of a criminal career which drew him a reformatory sentence for petty thievery at the age of 18.

"Why tell me about it?" demanded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.

Hunter and the mystery girl were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau, and other federal agents.

"She's a tough baby," observed McGee, "and she won't talk."

The girl presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked dress. She appeared to be in her early twenties.

Agents scoffed at a question that she might have provided the "tip-off" as did the recently deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and Ruth engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

"He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said.

Marbles to Pistols Is Karpis' Record

TOPEKA, Kas., May 2 (AP)—Alvin Karpis was a boy who worked his way up in the shooting game from marbles to pistols, a "champion" at both ends.

At marbles he was the toast of Topeka schoolboys, the best in town. At pistols 15 years later, the crime school's precocious youngster acquired the title that's usually fatal, "Public Enemy No. 1."

They caught Karpis alive — not even a rustle of resistance although he had a gun—and so today the people who knew downy-faced Raymond Karpavicz back in his tire-stealing days may say "I told you so."

About a year ago, when the department of justice was applying new heat daily to the Karpis trail, E. W. Ford, veteran identification officer at the state reformatory in Hutchinson, observed "They'll get him, of course, and when they do I believe they'll take him alive."

Ford had studied the 18-year-old burglar's make-up when he was sent to the reformatory in 1926 for stealing tires.

"I don't believe Karpis is the blood-thirsty desperado that he has been painted and I don't believe he will shoot it out with officers. He never impressed me as the killer type," he said.

MAHAN MOVES TO TOP OF LIST

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—William Mahan moved to the top of the federal agents' "wanted" list today as Alvin Karpis, "public enemy number one," awaited arraignment for one of four major crimes charges against him.

Justice department officials said 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 the 27-year-old Karpis in New 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.

For J. Edgar Hoover the Karpis arrest had an element of sweet revenge.

Hoover was the object of a death-threat note supposed to have come from Karpis last summer. Hoover said then he had assured himself that the public enemy No. 1 was the author of the threat.

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KARPIS PALS IN BAY AREA FACE ACTION

United States Grand Jury to
Be Asked to Indict
Harborers

LIKE 'BABY FACE' CASE

Captured Fugitive Seen in
California and Nevada
in 1934

A Federal grand jury will be asked to return indictments against a group of persons in California and Nevada suspected of harboring Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, captured in New Orleans yesterday, reliable sources revealed here today.

Various persons in Auburn, Cal., have identified Karpis as a man seen in that vicinity several times in 1934. It was believed he used abandoned mines in the Mother Lode country of the high Sierras as hideouts.

Authoritative sources also revealed that Karpis, under the name of "Burns," lived in Reno in 1932. He was known to have been in Reno shortly before the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, and a deputy United States attorney said he believed Karpis returned to Reno after that crime.

Traced to Vallejo
In Vallejo Thomas C. "Tobe" Williams, manager of the City Hospital, revealed that the Federal Government contends Karpis was a patient in the hospital in 1933.

Williams, who is on parole after serving a portion of a McNeil Island term imposed for his part in an alleged conspiracy to harbor the late George "Baby Face" Nelson, said he personally had had no knowledge of Karpis' presence in Vallejo.

"Even though Karpis were here," Williams said, "I don't see how any indictment can be returned against me. Karpis was not indicted by the Federal Government until 1934."

Like Nelson Case

It was believed the Government will proceed against those believed to have harbored Karpis in a manner similar to that employed successfully in the Nelson case.

Eighteen persons were indicted on charges of harboring and conspiring to harbor the gangster. Joseph "Pat-so" Negri, who was chauffeur for the Nelson gang, turned state's evidence and was paroled. John Paul Chase is now in Alcatraz under a life sentence. He was Nelson's companion in the gun battle between Nelson and G-men at Barrington, Ill., which resulted in Nelson's death.

Nelson's wife, Helen Gillis, was paroled when arraigned on the conspiracy charge, having already served a year in Milan, Mich., on a similar charge.

It was indicated action in the Karpis case will be taken in California. In a statement from Reno, Nev., U. S. Dist. Atty. E. P. Carville said he knew Karpis was in the state for some time but that he knew of no harboring charges to be preferred in Nevada.

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New Orleans, May 1.—(AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced the capture of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy Number 1, here tonight.

David Magee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here, said Karpis was captured in a downtown apartment with Fred Hunter, 37 years old, wanted in a robbery, and a woman whose name was not revealed.

He said the three surrendered to Federal agents about 5:30 P. M. (central standard time) when called on to give themselves up.

The arrest, Magee said, was at 8343 Canal street. The men 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.

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



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KARPIS' PRESENCE AT LAMBERT FIELD SECRET TO CROWD

Gangster Reads Newspaper in
Plane During the 48-
Minute Stop.

Surrounded by a secrecy that was in striking contrast to the time John Dillinger was brought through St. Louis in 1934, Alvin Karpis last night was at the Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport for forty-eight minutes while a plane bearing him and his G-Men captors refueled and received weather reports.

Where John Dillinger, being taken to Chicago after his capture in Arizona, made his stop at the airport surrounded by reporters, photographers and city and county police armed with machine guns, the newest Public Enemy No. 1 was slipped into the city with only a few airport officials and several newspaper men having knowledge of his arrival.

The plane, chartered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to carry Karpis from New Orleans, where he was captured yesterday, to a destination believed to be St. Paul, arrived at the airport at 11:47 p. m. In it were Karpis, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau; five of Hoover's agents, and a pilot and co-pilot.

While a ground crew refueled the big transport plane, most of the approximately 100 persons who were at the airport continued unaware that the nation's most notorious outlaw was in a plane at the edge of the apron of the flying field. In the recreation room, music and dancing continued uninterrupted.

One of the agents walked from the plane to buy cigarettes and lunches at the airport building, and Hoover stepped out briefly to stretch his legs. Otherwise no one left the plane, and the thin, sharp-nosed features of Karpis could be seen only by the light of a dim reading lamp, as he glanced through a newspaper beside a window. Reporters were not permitted to enter.

Hoover explained that the plane was chartered—at the rate of eighty cents a mile—in Newark, N. J., last Thursday. Piloted by Jack Zimmerman, a regular pilot for the line owning the plane, it picked up Hoover and his agents in Washington and reached New Orleans late that night.

the capture of Karpis yesterday the plane left New Orleans. St. Louis was its first stop, and airport officials here had no intimation of the visit until forty-five minutes before it landed, when the pilot radioed that he was stopping.

After leaving here at 12:35 o'clock this morning, bound northward, in the face of adverse weather conditions, the plane was unreported until it landed at Kansas City, forced back by heavy rain and fog north of here.

During his visit, Hoover declined to comment upon the capture in New Orleans, except to say that Karpis turned "as white as a sheet" when he walked from his apartment into the nest of agents that awaited him.

"Boy, he really saw some machine guns when he came out!" the No. 1 G-Man added. "He was scared stiff. He looked like he thought his time had come, and his arms went up where they couldn't do any harm. We took him without a sign of fight."

Had Karpis shown an inclination to resist, Hoover remarked, the agents "had their fingers on the trigger," and were under orders to shoot to kill.

He explained that his refusal to amplify further on the capture, and the secrecy surrounding the airplane flight, were due to a "premature news release" which enabled Karpis to slip from the agents' hands ten days ago.

PREDICTS EARLY SEIZURE OF ANOTHER KARPIS AID

CLEVELAND, May 2.—(U. S.)—

The arrest of Harry Campbell, suspected partner of Alvin Karpis in the \$48,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, is imminent, Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today.

John Brock, brought here two days ago and also charged with participating in the robbery, was captured in Tulsa, Ok., Campbell's home town, Hettrick said. Brock has sworn Karpis and Campbell were the Garrettsville holdup leaders.

Only two alleged members of the gang which engineered the holdup last November 7, Campbell and a man known as Sam, remain at large. Fred Hunter, the fifth suspect, was arrested in Karpis' hideout in New Orleans last night and the sixth man, Grover Keady, in Tulsa several months ago. The latter is in jail here.

IDENTITY OF THOSE WHO GAVE TIP ON KARPIS IS MYSTERY

Landlady and Man Who Sold
Him Car Related, but Both
Deny Being Informants.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Mrs. John Meyer, who rented Alvin Karpis an apartment April 10, and Clarence (Duke) Pucheu, the salesman who sold him an automobile, are related by marriage, the United Press learned today in seeking the means whereby federal agents located Karpis' hideout here yesterday.

Mrs. Meyer's daughter is Pucheu's wife. Both she and her son-in-law denied they had told Department of Justice agents where they could find the nation's most wanted man.

A week ago J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, renewed the department's reward of \$5,000 for Karpis' capture and promised strict anonymity to tipsters. Hoover and his subordinates had not one word to say as to the source of their information.

Mrs. Meyer said today she could hardly believe her tenant was the criminal. Pucheu said he had suspected his identity right along, had intended telling the Department of Justice, but had procrastinated.

"I used to be a government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents "light house-keeping" flats in the 3,000 block of Canal street, a middle class and respectable district. On April 10 a man accompanied by a young woman who he said was his wife rented one.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs. Meyer said. "So kind. So polite."

The young man, who said he was a Mr. O'Hara, told her he wanted to buy an automobile. Mrs. Meyer sent him to her son-in-law.

Pucheu, known as "The Duke" for his elegant dress and manners, thought his customer strange. O'Hara (Karpis) disliked standing in front of windows while talking, paid for his car in \$100 bills and took long, mysterious trips that the speedometer of his car indicated had been made at breakneck speed.

"Let's don't talk here," Karpis said to Pucheu, casting an apprehensive glance at the big plate glass windows of the auto agency.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

Fastest Worker in U.S.
A few days later, Pucheu's customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later, Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu saw that Karpis had driven almost 2,000 miles.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Pucheu talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters, and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. "Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

But Pucheu hesitated. Meanwhile, his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday, strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Mrs. Meyer, meanwhile, was finding her tenant very well mannered. There was a cupboard in her apartment for which she had lost the key and Karpis was delighted to do her the service of prying it open. Thursday morning Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door of his apartment, said she wanted to sell the dining-room set that was a part of the furnishings, and would he mind if two prospective purchasers came in to look at it.

Two women entered, following Mrs. Meyer. In going to the dining room, they had adequate opportunity to inspect the entire apartment.

The women looked at the dining-room set, said they were afraid it wouldn't do, but would think it over, and left.

Soon thereafter Hoover flew to New Orleans. Yesterday he and his agents captured Karpis.

In addition to the \$5,000 reward from the Department of Justice, the Post Office Department has a \$2,000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio. Both are for "information leading to the apprehension of," and do not require conviction.

Chance acquaintances who met Karpis during his stay in New Orleans today referred to him amazedly as seeming to be a "nice fellow."

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building where Karpis stayed, said he rented parking space in his yard to the gunman.

"He asked if he could keep his car in my yard for a few days because he was afraid it would be stolen if left in the street," Hoffman said.

"I said I guessed it would be all right. He paid me \$3. I talked with him twice after that, and he seemed a nice fellow."

John Campbell, janitor in the building, described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech. He said he and Karpis had talked about fishing several times.

Desperado and Captor



Alvin Karpis, suspect in a series of major crimes, who was brought to St. Paul today by his G-men captors in a chartered plane. A man and girl seized with him remained in New Orleans.



J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who yesterday led the New Orleans raid resulting in the capture of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1.

Alvin Karpis Wanted as Suspect in Series of Notorious Crimes

Public Enemy Alvin Karpis is suspected by federal agents of participation in the following crimes:

MURDERS.

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo. (indicted). Kelley was shot December 19, 1931, by one of two men he stopped for questioning.

A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his associate, Fred Barker, who is alleged to have been killed as "a favor."

John Laria, Kansas City politician.

The Kansas City Union Station massacre in which gunmen shot down a federal agent, three peace officers, and their prisoner.

Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

KIDNAPINGS.

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, kidnaped January 17, 1934, and released on payment of \$200,000. (Indicted).

William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped June 16, 1933, and released on payment of \$100,000. (Indicted).

ROBBERIES.

The robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$46,000 was taken by a gang of machine gun bandits that included, federal agents say, Karpis, Harry Campbell, another hunted gangster, and Fred Hunter, who was captured with Karpis in New Orleans. This occurred November 7, 1935.

Re: BREKID
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KARPIS FLOWN TO ST. PAUL BY G-MEN CAPTORS

Awaits Trial There, Probably
for the Hamm Kidnaping,
Following His Seizure in New
Orleans.

J. EDGAR HOOVER MAKES TRIP WITH GANGSTER

Public Enemy No. 1 Reported
Unarmed When Taken—
Henchman and Blond, Also
Arrested, Remain in South.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 2.—(U. P.)—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul in an airliner chartered by G-men today.

The stammering, pasty-faced gunman, captured at New Orleans yesterday, probably will be tried for kidnaping William Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer.

Long delayed, the big airliner slid into the airport at 8:45 a. m. and roared directly into the hangar of the One Hundred and Ninth United States Air Squadron. The doors slammed shut and newsmen as well as spectators were barred.

A dozen G-men from the St. Paul headquarters were waiting to help shift Karpis to a waiting automobile. Ten federal men were aboard the plane.

Ten minutes after the airliner slid into the army hangar, Karpis was at Department of Justice headquarters.

The debonaire Karpis' real name is Alvin Karpavicz; his nickname is "Old Creepy," applied by his pals because he got even on their hardened nerves.

He will be locked in the "escape-proof" cell at county jail.

Less than five hours after his capture in New Orleans yesterday afternoon, the desperate Karpis, suspected participant in four murders, two kidnapings, and innumerable robberies, was chained hand and foot and rushed to the airliner that had been chartered twenty-four hours before he was

Hoover on Plane.
J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, who commanded the twenty federal agents who captured Karpis without firing a shot, accompanied his agents and their prisoner on the quick, dramatic dash northward.

He was jubilant at the newest coup of his department in its war on kidnapers and interstate gangsters.

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January 1, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal street in New Orleans.

Hoover, who was in New York when the information was received, flew to Washington, where several of his lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriving only a short time before the capture.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived the twenty agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers, and submachine guns, were assembled in the Department of Justice offices in the federal building there.

G-men Work Fast.
Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. Then all got into several cars and approached the apartment building from several directions. Each agent took up his pre-arranged post, under cover but instantly available.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk toward his automobile at the curb. In a flash, G-men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

Other agents went into action at once. They went to the Karpis apartment and, after a struggle, arrested a handsome, 22-year-old girl, whose identity the agents still are concealing, and Fred Hunter, a suspected bank robber. Hunter and the girl are still confined in jail in New Orleans.

Karpis and the girl had lived in the apartment as Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara since April 10, when Karpis is believed to have first come to New Orleans.

Two Mysterious Trips.
Karpis had made at least two mysterious automobile trips since then. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter. Federal men believe that he had gone to a distant city and with Hunter participated in a holdup.

Federal agents suspected him of going New Orleans as a base for a

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of Karpis' neighbors in his apartment house asideout knew nothing about it until hours later. A half hour before the capture, a woman living on the ground floor looked out her window and saw a federal agent standing behind a tree, a sub-machine gun in the crook of his arm.

"Who are you?" she asked, leaning out the window.

"Stick your head back in the house, lady," he said, "or you're likely to get hurt."

New Orleans police knew nothing of the trap. Excited neighbors telephoned them when it was sprung. They were indignant that the federal men had invaded their bailiwick without even a "by-your-leave."

An hour after Karpis was taken, newspapers received a telephone call. A voice wanted them to send reporters over for "an announce-

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ment." The reporters found Hoover, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent David McGee.

Smiling, Hoover said:

"Gentlemen, I would like to announce for the government that Alvin Karpis, your so-called Public Enemy No. 1, has been arrested by agents of the Department of Justice Investigation Department in an apartment on the first floor of a house at 3343 Canal street, this city."

Ironically, Hoover and his department had been under fire in congress recently in the course of debate on the Justice Department's new appropriations bill. Ten days ago, the senate came to the G-Men's defense by beating down a proposal to cut \$225,000 from their funds.

Senator Kenneth McKellar, Tennessee, Democrat, had criticized the G-Men for not catching Karpis and other public enemies and had accused Hoover's men of being too quick with the trigger. He asked if Hoover's bureau was paying for "advertising" the G-Men in the movies.

Hoover replied, "orders have never been issued to shoot a man if we can take him alive. We were forced to kill John Dillinger."

Began as Petty Thief.

Karpis began his career as a petty thief, and was initiated into the big time criminal world in 1931, after his escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing by the Barkers, Arthur and Fred. He soon became joint leader of the mob.

Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, were killed by G-men in Florida in January, 1935.

Karpis had been in their hideout a few hours before the raid, and fled northward with Campbell to Atlantic City, where the unsuccessful trap was set for them several weeks later.

Arthur (Doc) Barker was captured meanwhile, was convicted with a number of associates of the Bremer kidnaping, and is now serving a life term.

The ship which brought Karpis here was scheduled to arrive early this morning but it was delayed five hours by strong headwinds north of St. Louis, one of the stops en route. It was forced down for three hours at Kansas City and stopped briefly at Iowa City.

Identity of Blond Sought.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—(U. P.)

—Fred Hunter and a pretty, blond 22-year-old girl, both captured with Alvin Karpis in a raid staged here, were closely guarded by Department of Justice men today.

The two were held for questioning. They slept on cots in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the post office building last night. The federal agents said the girl's identity would not be known until her fingerprints are sent to Washington. She gave no name. Karpis referred to her as "my hon."

Hunter's Brother Arrested.

WARREN, OHIO, May 2.—(U. P.)

—Al Hunter, brother of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis' associate, was arrested in an east side restaurant today by federal agents. He was held in city jail for a few hours and then taken out of the city by officers. A woman arrested with Al Hunter was held on an open charge.

PARENTS WHO DISOWNED KARPIS REFUSE COMMENT

CHICAGO, May 2.—(U. P.)—The unassuming parents who disowned Alvin Karpis when he turned to a life of crime shut their doors against questioners today.

Reporters flocked to the home of John Karpavicz, apartment janitor, soon after they learned his son, who had changed his name to Karpis, had been arrested.

"Go away," Karpavicz shouted through shuttered windows. "I don't want to talk to you."

Before window blinds were pulled down, gray-haired Mrs. Karpavicz could be seen sitting in the kitchen with her grandson, Raymond. The boy, 14 months old, is the son of Margaret Delaney, who was captured in Karpis' Atlantic City, N. J., hangout January 20, 1935. The boy was left with his grandparents when his mother was imprisoned for harboring Karpis.

Karpis' sister, Emily Newbold, elbowed her way through reporters into the Karpavicz home, but refused to comment.

Karpis' Career; Tire Thief at 16, Robber, Kidnapers and Killer at 26

Associate of Notorious Barkers Wanted in
Many Places, in Missouri for Murder of
Sheriff at West Plains.

By the Associated Press.
KARPIS—his real name is Raymond Karpavics—succeeded to the title of Public Enemy No. 1 after the killings of John Dillinger and George (Baby Face) Nelson. Known as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 as a petty thief and soon became a bank robber, killer and kidnaper.

He 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. There were three sisters. When 16, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing automobile tires. Convicted of second-degree burglary, he was sent to the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, for a 10-year term.

In the 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 Minneapolis bank holdup in which two policemen were killed. Devol says Karpis took part in that crime.)

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City March 23, 1930. They were in an automobile packed with sawblowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the penitentiary in Lansing, Kan., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

Karpis and the Barkers.
A month later he arrived in Tulsa, Ok., headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Fred, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were killed in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour fight with Federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Fred Barker had met in the Lansing penitentiary. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Ok.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Oklahoma. Barker eluded officers but Karpis was sentenced, Sept. 11, 1931, to four years in the penitentiary at McAlester, Ok. Karpis never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Then Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was Dec. 19, 1931. Fred Barker was with him at the time. The Sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents say neither had anything to do with the West Plains holdup, but the two were "too hot" to take any chances.

Karpis and the Barkers became close pals in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a lot of Karpis and Karpis liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her sons were sitting around the kitchen table in a South

Robert Street address in St. Paul, 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, "Ma" Barker's second husband. So a few nights later the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, St. Paul girl. So not long afterward she 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. The girl is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis.

She and another girl, Winona Burdette, were with Karpis and Harry Campbell in Atlantic City, N. J., in January, 1935, when the two men shot their way out of a trap and escaped, leaving the two girls behind. A month later the Delaney girl gave birth to a boy in a Philadelphia hospital. She turned the child over to an institution. Then both girls were sent to Florida by Federal agents, where the Delaney girl was wanted for harboring Karpis.

In the few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with "Doc" Barker, a series of bank robberies, holdups and kidnappings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars. At least five persons, among them four policemen, were killed.

Crimes Credited to Gang.
Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis gang include:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, loot \$30,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three killed.

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 at Brainerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

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

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, St. Paul, \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction, St. Paul, \$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the gang were reduced by officers' bullets and prison sentences. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before that George Zeigler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was killed. 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.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch,
St. Louis, Missouri,
May 2, 1936.

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GANGSTER KARPIS IS CAPTURED AND TAKEN TO ST. PAUL

Federal Agents Seize Out-
law Outside New Orleans
Apartment House — Not
a Shot Fired.

ACCUSED IN HAMM,
BREMER KIDNAPINGS

Man, Woman Arrested
With Him—Plane Carry-
ing Prisoner Stops at St.
Louis and Kansas City.

By the Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, May 2.—Alvin Karpis, notorious outlaw, who was captured last night in New Orleans, arrived by plane at the Municipal Airport at 8:50 a. m. today in the custody of Federal agents, who immediately whisked him away to the St. Paul Federal Building.

The plane carried eight Federal agents besides the long-sought leader of the gang which kidnaped William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, for \$100,000 ransom, June 15, 1933, and abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 six months later.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, personally supervised the handling of the prisoner, who was manacled.

Weather conditions forced the plane off the direct route from New Orleans to St. Paul via Chicago, and the trip was by way of Indianapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City. At Kansas City the plane stopped for more than three hours before taking off at 5:30 a. m. on the final leg of the trip here.

Twenty St. Paul Federal agents had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 3 a. m.

Transferred to St. Paul, Minn., as soon as the plane landed at the Municipal Airport.

The car used to transport the prisoner to the Federal Building already was in the hangar.

Karpis, who had been in the air or shackled inside the plane for more than 12 hours, walked unsteadily to the automobile, which then sped away, preceded by two carloads of agents and trailed by five other machines.

At the Federal Building Karpis was hustled from the car at a half trot, spectators getting only a glimpse of him.

The prisoner wore a summer suit and a straw hat, apparel not suitable for the St. Paul temperature, which was just a few degrees above freezing.

It was assumed Karpis would be taken to the Ramsey County Jail, where six others with whom he was indicted 10 days ago for the Hamm kidnaping are being held.

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, Jan. 17, 1934.

Indicted With Karpis.

Those indicted with Karpis for the Hamm kidnaping 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 Pelfer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail; Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 60-year-old former convict; and Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) postmaster, whose home was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.

Victims' Comment.

Told of the arrest of Karpis, Bremer said: "It's further tribute to the seal of the Department of Justice."

Hamm said: "Congratulations again to the Department of Justice for a tough task nobly done."

Karpis' arrest left only one of the once numerous Barker-Karpis gang still at large—Harry Campbell. Campbell, wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, for at least one murder—that of a Tulsa (Ok.) lawyer, J. Earl Smith—and for kidnapings, escaped the New Orleans trap.

Now that Karpis is accounted for, "Public Enemy No. 1" is William Mahan, described as "the remaining principal" in the kidnaping of 10-year-old George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash.

Captured in New Orleans With Girl and Another Man; No Shooting.
(Copyright, 1936, by the Associated Press).
NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Alvin Karpis, ranking "Public Enemy No. 1" wanted in St. Paul, Minn.,

for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings and in other places for robbery, kidnaping and murder, was arrested by Federal agents here last night. He surrendered quietly. Not a shot was fired.

The arrest was made by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, who flew here from Washington to be in at the finish. It was the first arrest Hoover had ever made personally.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were leveled by 15 or 20 agents to take the fight out of the gangster 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. The bad man lifted his hands and yielded a pistol.

Arrested with him in his automobile near the Canal street apartment where they had been living were a red-haired young woman identified only as Ruth, who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, a suspect with Karpis, in the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935.

Questioned, Put Aboard Plane.

Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men, and took them and the woman to the postoffice building for questioning. Officers were posted at 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 26 years, was taken from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 p. m. and put aboard a chartered plane by about six guards. Hoover boarded the plane and it took off for the North.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover told newspaper reporters an hour after the capture. "We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as Public Enemy No. 1." He 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 on them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Girl "Won't Talk."

Hunter and the girl arrested were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau, and other Federal agents. "She won't talk," McGee announced afterward.

She presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked dress.

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She appeared to be in her early 20s.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner of the apartment building where the three had been hiding out, said Karpis and the girl engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance. "He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said.

The arrest followed two months of vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said. "We've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been trailing him."

The nation-wide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnaping mob. Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under Federal jurisdiction.

The Trail to New Orleans.

Although the Government men were silent on the point, it is known that the crime that put them directly on Karpis' trail was the \$46,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7, for which George (Burhead) Keady and John Brock are in custody in Cleveland, O. Brock is understood to have given information which caused postal inspectors to obtain warrants Monday charging five persons with participation in the mail robbery: Karpis, Brock, Keady, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and John Doe, alias Sam. Brock was arrested at Youngstown, O., March 15.

Following the arrest of Keady and Brock, officers were told the complete story behind the train robbery. The gang abandoned their getaway automobile at Toledo and with the exception of an Oklahoma ex-convict named 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.

Hunter and his girl later joined Karpis at Hot Springs and moved into a house at the outskirts. This was the place that Federal agents raided March 31 without result. The fugitives had beat the Federal agents by less than 12 hours.

Agents later received information the fugitives were in New Orleans.

Plane Carrying Karpis Stops Briefly at Lambert Field.

The chartered plane bearing Alvin Karpis and his captors, headed by J. Edgar Hoover, landed at Lambert-St. Louis Field at 11:46 o'clock last night and remained here nearly an hour, during which Karpis remained in the plane under heavy guard.

Hoover and two of his aids left the ship and used the telephone, but declined to make known their destination. Thunder storms and heavy rain caused a regularly scheduled plane for Chicago to stop at Peoria, Ill., and it was decided not to send the chartered plane through to the north. Rather than remain at the local airport the Government men decided to fly to Kansas City, departing at 12:38 a. m. The ship was subsequently reported to have reached Kansas City, and later Omaha.

The plane, chartered from TWA, was flown to New Orleans Thursday night, apparently in anticipation of the capture.

Richmond Times-Dispatch

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A few days ago several small-bore members of the American congress cast aspersions on the federal bureau of investigation and attempted to reduce the modest appropriation which had been suggested for its support. The public resentment against their attitude was instant. Now comes the Karpis capture which is the best answer of all.

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KARPIS HELD AT ST. PAUL

G-Men Fly Public Enemy From New Orleans

TAKEN WITHOUT SHOT

Hoover Personally Makes Arrest of Kidnaper

ST. PAUL— (AP) —Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1 who was captured last night in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport at 8:50 a. m. (central standard time) today and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to Department of Justice headquarters here.

The plane which brought Karpis here from the Louisiana city carried eight federal agents besides the long sought leader of the gang who 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.

Weather conditions, it was believed, forced the plane off the direct route from New Orleans to St. Paul via Chicago, and the trip was by way of Indianapolis, thence to St. Louis and Kansas City. At the latter city the plane was stopped more than three hours before taking off at 5:30 a. m. (cst) on the final leg of the trip here.

At the Kansas City airport an attendant said Karpis was chained to his seat and was not permitted to leave the plane during the long stop.

Twenty St. Paul federal agents had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 3 a. m.

Karpis was taken direct to the Department of Justice headquarters in the federal building instead of to the Ramsey county jail where he will be confined pending trial on kidnaping charges.

Federal agents said that they did not bring along Fred Hunter who was also seized in the New Orleans trap last night.

Karpis was transported from the airport in a big sedan containing be-

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Madden continued to quote Dickson as saying:

"The driver four federal agents who guarded the outlaw with machine guns.

The prisoner wore a summer suit and a straw hat, apparel not in keeping with blustery weather which found the temperature hovering just a few degrees above the freezing mark.

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He had been living in the apartment with the woman, who posed as his wife. Hunter 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 months and have been trailing 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.

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.

Karpis' criminal career began when he was only 15 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-rich state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

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.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperados continued until the fatal interruption by federal officers at the Barker hide-out in Ocklawaha, which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers

of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful 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 strictly out of the limelight.

CAUGHT AT LAST



ALVIN KARPIS

Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Seized

Bandit Captured In New Orleans By G-Men

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took off again. It apparently was headed for St. Paul.

TIP KEPT SECRET

Typical Department of Justice secrecy hid the source of the tip that resulted in the arrests.

After the plane took off, Hunter and the girl were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau of G-men, and other federal agents. McGee said:

"She's a tough baby and won't talk."

TRIM AND PRETTY

The girl presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white-checked dress. She appeared to be in her early twenties.

Agents scoffed at a question that she might have provided the "tip-off" as did the deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner of the building, said Karpis and "Ruth" engaged their apartment about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance. She said:

"He was such a nice, quiet little man."

NEVER HAD CHANCE

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. He said quietly:

"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."

NO SHOTS FIRED

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



International News Photo.

ALVIN KARPIS

... captured by the G-men ...

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A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms, of Topeka, Kan., expressed the opinion he

Mystery Girl, Pal Held; Gangster 'Meek' at Arrest

was "turned in by a friend."

At Cleveland, O. Sylvester J. Hettrick, postoffice 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.

VICTIMS HAPPY

Victims of the St. Paul kidnappings 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. Hamm said:

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

Bremer 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.

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KARPIS CHAINED IN PLANE

ENEMY NO. 1 CAPTURED WITH GIRL

G-Men Scoff at Hint
Mystery Woman
Trapped Bandit

BULLETIN

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(AP.)—Five automobile loads of federal agents arrived at Municipal Airport this morning, apparently awaiting arrival of a plane bringing Alvin Karpis here from New Orleans.

The men were armed and drove their machines up to a gate at one end of the field, near a runway down which a plane could taxi.

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—(AP.)—An airliner, reported by an airport attendant to be carrying Alvin Karpis and eight federal agents, left here this morning for an unannounced destination.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal agents whisked Alvin Karpis northward in manacles by airplane today to answer for kidnaping, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

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Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men, and took them and the woman to the postoffice building for questioning.

PUT ON PLANE

Others 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 26 years, was rushed to the New Orleans Airport at 10:30 p. m. (Pittsburgh time), and thrust aboard a chartered plane by six guards.

Hoover went in, and the plane took off. At midnight the plane stopped at St. Louis, and later

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Karpis' Bloody Parade To Notoriety

By The United Press

Public Enemy Alvin Karpis is suspected by Federal agents of participation in the following crimes:

MURDERS

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo. (Indicted).

A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his associate, Fred Barker, who is alleged to have been killed as "a favor."

John Lazia, Kansas City politician.

The Kansas City Union Station massacre in which gunmen shot down a Federal agent, three peace officers, and their prisoner.

Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

KIDNAPINGS

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and released on payment of \$500,000. (Indicted).

William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped June 16, 1933, and released on payment of \$100,000. (Indicted).

ROBBERIES

The robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, O., in which \$46,000 was taken by a gang of machine gun bandits that included, Federal agents say, Karpis, Harry Campbell, another hunted gangster, and Fred Hunter, who was captured with Karpis in New Orleans. This occurred Nov. 7, 1935.

Innumerable others, which, in most cases, Federal agents believe Karpis was falsely identified because of the effect of his notoriety on the public imagination.

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CAPTURE PLEASES KIDNAPING VICTIMS

Hamm, Bremer Glad to Hear
Of Karpis Arrest

By The United Press
ST. PAUL, May 2—The two wealthy St. Paul men Alvin Karpis is accused of kidnaping both were pleased last night when notified the notorious gangster had been captured.

William Hamm, Jr., scion of a brewing family, who was kidnaped by the Barker-Karpis gang June 15, 1933, and released four days later for \$100,000 ransom, said:

"I am glad to know he has been captured. Thank you for calling."

Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul banker, kidnaped by the same gang Jan. 17, 1934, and held captive 21 days before \$200,000 ransom was paid, said:

"When those Federal men go to work they do a bang-up job. I'm glad to hear they've captured Karpis but I knew they would."

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Deeds Attributed To Him Horrified Nation.

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 kidnappings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

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

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

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

Ranks of Gang Out Down.

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 Zeigler, 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 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.

'Old Creeper's' Capture Marks Finish Of Long Career as Master of Crime

Kidnapings, Murders Brought Bandit Notoriety.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1.—(AP)—The 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.

Karpis started out as a petty thief 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, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

Was Born in Canada.

The desperado was born in Canada on August 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 10-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.

"No. 1" Caught



ALVIN KARPIS

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, Kan., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

Joined Barker Gang.

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.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing (Kan.) penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Hengretta, Okla.

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 bad man 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.

Shoots Missouri Sheriff.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was December 11, 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 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.

"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.

POST GAZETTE

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Three Urged For Title Of Enemy No. 1

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(P)—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable 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.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, at St. Paul, January 17, 1934.

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

Shortly after 8 p. m. (Central Standard time) Hoover and almost a score of Federal agents left the Federal postoffice building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

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

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

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

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

"How many men participated in the capture?"

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"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 postal authorities.

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

Known As "Mr. O'Hara."

Hoover made no announcement where Karpis would be taken, but there were rumors he either would be carried to the parish prison or to the airport.

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."

Liked to Talk of Fishing.

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

Foe No. 1 New Orleans

Father Mum On Feelings For Karpis

CHICAGO, May 1.—(P)—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, 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. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school into a career of major crime.

where he was and someone said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first person arrested, the janitor said and added 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.

KARPIS, "ENEMY NO. 1," CAPTURED

HOOVER, G-MEN MAKE ARRESTS WITHOUT SHOT

Taken in New Orleans With
Woman and Man Aide
Outside Apartment.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis, No. 1 bad man of the United States, was captured tonight without resistance by officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal bureau of investigation.

A few hours later, the man who succeeded John Dillinger as the country's most wanted criminal was placed aboard an airplane, heavily guarded and manacled and taken from the city with the destination unannounced.

Without a shot, Karpis was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville (O.) mail robbery, and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from an apartment building about half a mile from the center of the business district.

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. 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 January 17, 1934.

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.

Witnesses Describe Scene.

Hoover didn't say who his department's "Public Enemy No. 1" was. Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast, and even to Cuba.

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

Shackles were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis, and the shackles then bound together. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty, red-haired and dressed in white. Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

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. Hoover said:

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WIDELY SOUGHT DESPERADO IS SURPRISED IN RAID BY 6-MEN

No. 1 Enemy Yields Gun
When Covered By
Officers

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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.

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 leveled by 15 or 20 agents to take the fight out of the youth most wanted for the \$200,000 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 PISTOL
Karpis threw the hands and pistol of a gun.

Arrested was him in two other car near a postoffice. General street apartment were a red-haired young woman identified as "Ruth" who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 post office robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935.

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A brother-in-law of Karpis, J. J. Brooks of Topeka, Kan., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

At Cleveland, O., Sylvester J. Retzer, postoffice inspector, said, "I'm not supposed to talk," when asked if he knew Karpis, 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 kidnappings 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."

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Bremer 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.

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.

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Jail Records Tell Karpis' Life Of Crime

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Records, events Karpis' Crime Life

Public Enemy Bows To G-Men



ALVIN KARPIS

Disowned by his father when he became a murderer for hire, Alvin Karpis, branded Public Enemy No. 1 and sought from coast to coast on charges ranging from banditry to kidnaping, was captured yesterday in a smoothly executed raid by G-men on a New Orleans apartment house.

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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.

Prison Plot Told

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Shortly after his parole, Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo. That was December 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 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.

Pals in Crime

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

Taken For Ride

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "look" 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 step-father, 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 on Wash street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnapping.

Engineers "Jobs"

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 kidnappings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five victims, among them four patrolmen.

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Federal reserve bank mail

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But the stinks 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 Zeigler, 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.

Seven Indicted

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

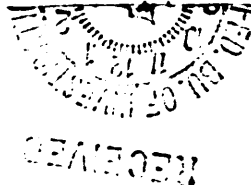
Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were: Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnapping Bremer.

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 kidnapping.

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

Charles (Big Fats) 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.



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PUBLIC ENEMY TAKEN WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

Raid on Apartment House
in New Orleans Ends
Two-Year Search.

WOMAN ALSO HELD.

Hoover Directs Agents in
Seizure of Kidnaper
and Gang Pal.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, the most dreaded and hunted outlaw in the country, was captured without bloodshed tonight as he left an apartment house near the heart of the business district.

The desperado, object of a nation-wide search for two years, was taken by a squad of 15 to 20 G-men personally led by their chief, J. Edgar Hoover. Seized with Karpis were Fred Hunter, 34, a mail robbery suspect, and an unidentified woman.

Out to avenge the murder of four fellow-agents, of which Karpis was suspected, the Federal men struck with such speed that residents in the neighborhood thought the capture was only a minor police disturbance.

Seized Entering Auto.

The Public Enemy No. 1, coatless and wearing a straw hat, emerged from the apartment house with his two friends at 7.30 P. M. and walked to an automobile. As they got in, the agents closed in, calling on the three to surrender.

Neither Karpis, who was armed, nor Hunter made a move. The officers leaped forward, seized both men by the arms, manacled them, then led them to another automobile. The prisoners were whisked immediately to the Federal Building and questioned more than two hours.

Then Karpis, chained hand and foot and flanked by Hoover and seven other G-men, all bristling with guns, was taken in an automobile to Shushan Airport, where, so sure were the Federal men of their prey, a chartered airplane had been waiting since 11 P. M. Thursday.

Leave for St. Paul.

The plane, with the eight guards aboard, left at 10.30 P. M. for St. Paul, Minn. Karpis is under indictment there in the \$200,000 kidnappings of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker.

Hunter, it was said, later will be taken to Garrettsville, O., where he is wanted in a \$35,000 mail holdup.

Karpis was said to have been in New Orleans for some time. Hunter has been hiding here several months, attracted South for spring training of big league baseball teams. He was described as a baseball bug.

\$7000 Reward Offered.

Only last week Federal authorities put a \$7000 price on Karpis head—the first reward they have offered for a public enemy since the capture of John Dillinger.

Not until an hour after the capture did Hoover call newspapermen to the Federal Building. He said:

"They were in an apartment on the first floor of the building (in the 3300 block on Canal st.) and were leaving the house when the agents surrounded them. The agents called on them to surrender, and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Spotted Two Months Ago.

"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

the capture.

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"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."

Others Kept Locked Up.

Hunter and the woman were kept behind locked doors of the Federal Building long after Karpis was taken away.

Newspapermen and photographers swarmed in the corridor. Once Hunter was taken outside to a washroom. His feet and hands were shackled. He stumbled amid a clatter of chains, and a burly G-Man picked him up in his arms and carried him.

Name of the woman prisoner was withheld. She was about 22, and attractive.

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

Didn't Give Name.

"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 \$3.00. 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."

Talked About Fishing.

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 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 added 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.

Student Sees Departure.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student, who lives in the apartment, said that when he got off a street car tonight 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."

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

Kicked at Door.

"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.

At the airport, guards kept spectators 100 yards from the plane. Karpis was half-dragged to the ship, popped into the cabin, and it was away and roaring into the North in an instant.

Karpis was smooth-faced and in the available glimpse he closely resembled his pictures in the Rogue's Gallery. Obviously he had affected no disguise to avoid the dragnet that has been closing about him since he succeeded "Baby Face" Nelson on the murderers' throne in 1934.

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They get them—"they" meaning J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigation and "them" meaning public enemies of varying numerical designation. ALVIN KARPIS was wicked, clever, bold, desperate. But finally, he was cornered and taken without firing a shot. The arrest was a reminder of the efficiency of persistence. "They get them" and never let up or abandon the chase until they do, and that is the real fear of the Federal police among the public enemies.

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City Men Take Karpis, Speed Him to St. Paul



Alvin Karpis, No. 1 public enemy, above is shown hiding his face with his hat as he left the New Orleans apartment house Friday night after his arrest. On the left is Clarence Hurt, federal agent, a former Oklahoma City detective. Dwight Brantley, in charge of the bureau of investigation of- fice in Oklahoma City, is at the right. In the lower apart- ment of this house in New Orleans, Karpis was arrested. (Associated Press wirephotos.)

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Our Surrender Without Fight To G-men in Night Raid

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 at 8:50 a. m. (central standard time) Saturday and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to an unannounced destination.

(Copyright, 1934, by The Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal agents whisked Alvin Karpis northward in manacles by airplane Saturday to answer for kidnappings, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

The gunman, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered without a shot in New Orleans Friday 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 leveled by 15 or 20 agents to take the fight out of the youth most wanted for the \$200,000 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 surrendered. Gun 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 posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 37 years old, a suspect in the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1933.

Swiftly the agents shackled the 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.

Karpis, who has a criminal record for 10 of his 36 years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:20 p. m. (central standard time) and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Hoover Accompanies Prisoner
Hoover went in and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to disclose the ultimate destination. A mid-night stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

(True to the code of the department of justice, names of the agents who made the capture were kept secret by J. Edgar Hoover. Friends in Oklahoma City, however, identified Clarence Hurt, former Oklahoma City policeman, and Dwight Brantley, in charge of the Oklahoma City office of the bureau of investigation, as among those in on the capture.)

Typical department of justice secrecy hid the source of the tip that resulted in the arrests.

A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms of Topeka, Kan., expressed

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Hurt became a federal agent in May, 1934, after serving 17 years on the Oklahoma City police department as a detective and chief for a short time. He now is stationed at Dallas.

Karpis was an Oklahoma gunman and small-time bandit until he graduated to major crime. It is probable that much of the groundwork and the clues which finally led agents to the New Orleans apartment house were developed by agents in Oklahoma and Texas, perhaps by Hurt, who worked on many of Oklahoma's outstanding criminal cases.

State Man Gets Carnegie Medal

Hero Award Made for Saving Carpenter in Fall.

PITTSBURGH, May 2.—(P)—William H. Lairson, 39 years old, who lives near Tecumseh, was among those who received bronze awards from the Carnegie Hero Fund commission for a heroic act during 1934.

The awards were announced Saturday.

Lairson won recognition for rescuing a carpenter from a fatal fall at Shawnee Oct. 3, 1934. Lairson broke the fall of John J. Roach, 28 years old, who toppled from a 49-foot tower by catching him. He was unable to sustain the weight of the falling Roach and suffered injuries along with him. Both men recovered.

2,789 Cargo of Liquor Seized at State Border

MOCKGEE, May 2.—(P)—Joe Moon, deputy United States marshal, announced here Friday night that a cargo of bonded liquor valued at \$22,000 was confiscated near the Arkansas-Oklahoma line Friday. Two Smith truck drivers, who gave names as C. J. Staton and R. F. Robertson are held in the Sequoyah county jail at Sallisaw in connection with the capture, he said.

In addition to the liquor, a huge wheel moving van and convoy were confiscated. The van and its contents were valued at 4,700 pints.

The Weather

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

Hour	Temp	Wind	Clouds
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1:00	57	4	100
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8:00	50	4	100
9:00	49	4	100
10:00	48	4	100
11:00	47	4	100
12:00	46	4	100

Girl Victim of Crash Continues to Improve

Continued improvement in the condition of Miss Venice Ann Mellican, 22-year-old telephone operator, who suffered severe injuries April 21 when her automobile overturned on the Norman highway, was reported Saturday by Samaritan hospital authorities. Miss Mellican was riding alone in the automobile of J. Sidney Maxfield, Oklahoma City sportsman, when the accident occurred.

Elderly Man Injured When Struck by Car

Thomas A. Allen, 73 years old, of 106 West Reno avenue, was injured when struck by an automobile in the 300 block West Reno avenue.

Wesley hospital attendants said his condition is good, but other complications may set in due to his age.

Allen was crossing West Reno avenue when a car driven by M. V. Hardog, 35 years old, 718 West Chickasaw avenue, struck him, police said.

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KARPIS' PARENTS SILENT

Have Grandson with Them While
Child's Mother Is in Jail.

By the United Press.

CHICAGO, May 2.—The parents who disowned Alvin Karpis when he turned to a life of crime shut their doors against reporters today.

Karpis changed his name from Karpavicz. His father, John Karpavicz, an apartment janitor, and his mother have with them their grandson, Raymond, fourteen months old. The child is the son of Margaret Delaney, who was captured in Karpis' Atlantic City hangout on January 20, 1935. The boy was left with his grandparents when his mother was imprisoned for harboring Karpis.

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10 G-MEN HOP FOR ST. PAUL WITH KARPIS

Desperado Will Be Arraigned
Immediately as Kidnap
of W. A. Hamm, Jr.

IS CHAINED HAND AND FOOT

Plane Chartered 24 Hours Be-
fore He Is Captured in
New Orleans.

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ST. PAUL, May 2.—Ten Depart-
ment of Justice agents and Alvin
Karpis, captive Public Enemy No. 1,
flew in a chartered plane today to-
ward St. Paul, where Karpis will be
arraigned immediately for the kid-
naping of William A. Hamm, Jr.,
wealthy brewer.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the De-
partment of Justice's Bureau of In-
vestigation, who commanded the
twenty federal agents who captured
Karpis without firing a shot, ac-
companied his agents and their
prisoner on the quick, dramatic
dash northward.

The plane took off from the Kan-
sas City airport at 5:30 A. M. (7:30
New York time), after a three-
hour stop. It was forced down in
Kansas City by fog after it had left
St. Louis.

A TWA dispatcher in Kansas
City said that the pilot expected he
would have to "sit down" again be-
fore reaching St. Paul because of
weather conditions. In that event,
the dispatcher estimated, the plane
would not reach St. Paul much be-
fore noon.

Kept Aboard Plane.

TWA employees said Mr. Hoover
and the other government agents
ate in the airport lunch room, but
that Karpis had to remain in the
plane. Two Kansas City federal
agents were at the airport to meet
the plane.

Twelve federal agents were posted
at the Municipal Airport here
awaiting the arrival of the plane.

Less than five hours after his cap-
ture in New Orleans yesterday af-
ternoon the desperate Karpis, sus-
pected participant in four murders,
two kidnapings and innumerable
robberies, was chained hand and
foot and rushed to the airplane that
had been chartered twenty-four
hours before he was taken.

Mr. Hoover was jubilant at the new-
est coup of his department in its war
on kidnapers and interstate gar-
blers. Karpis was public enemy No. 1.

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on the G-men's list for over a year,
with a \$7,000 reward on his head.

Through mysterious channels the
G-men learned Thursday that the
man they wanted, who had been a
phantom to them since January,
1935, when he shot his way out of a
trap in Atlantic City, was living in
an apartment house on Canal St. in
New Orleans.

Gets Plane in Newark.

Early yesterday the Department
of Justice chartered a plane at the
Newark (N. J.) airport. Mr. Hoover,
who was in New York when the in-
formation was received, flew in it to
Washington, where several of his
lieutenants joined him. The plane
then proceeded to New Orleans, ar-
riving only a short time before the
capture.

Meanwhile orders had gone to G-
men stationed in cities near New
Orleans, and when Mr. Hoover ar-
rived twenty agents, armed with
sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and
sub-machine guns, were assembled
in the Department of Justice of-
fices in the federal building there.

Little time was wasted. Hoover
gave each man an assignment.
Then all got into several cars and
approached the apartment building
from several directions. Each agent
took up his pre-arranged post, un-
der cover, but instantly available.

Surrounded Quickly.

Less than an hour after the trap
was set Karpis came strolling out
and crossed the sidewalk toward his
automobile at the curb. In a flash
G-men surrounded him and had his
arms pinned to his side. He couldn't
have resisted if he had wanted,
though he was unarmed.

Other agents went to the Karpis
apartment and, after a struggle, ar-
rested a handsome 22-year-old girl
whose identity they still are con-
cealing, and Fred Hunter, a sus-
pected bank robber.

Karpis and the girl had lived in
the apartment as Mr. and Mrs. Ed-
ward O'Hara since April 10, when
Karpis is believed to have first come
to New Orleans. Karpis had made
at least two mysterious automobile
trips since then. Returning from
one, he was accompanied by Hunter.
Federal men believe he went to
Garrettsville, Ohio, and with Hunter
and Harry Campbell, a fugitive and
friend of Karpis, held up a mail
train, escaping with \$46,000.

Agents Hear Rumors.

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

Rumors circulated that the woman tipped off the federal agents for the \$7,000 reward, but these, like scores of others, were without the least confirmation.

Soon after Karpis arrived in New Orleans he went to the automobile agency where Pucheu is employed. Pucheu met him at the door.

"Let's don't talk here," said Karpis, casting an apprehensive glance at the big plate glass windows looking into the street.

Pays Cash for Sedan.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

Pucheu thought that strange. A few days later his customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu glanced at the speedometer and saw that Karpis had driven almost 2,000 miles.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Wife Is Suspicious.

Pucheu thought that even more strange. He talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested that maybe he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night while out driving they saw the sedan parked in front of the Canal St. apartment house, and they told their friends that the man they believed was Karpis was living there.

"Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile, his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the rumors reached the G-men. Yesterday afternoon Karpis was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of Karpis' neighbors in his apartment house hide-out knew nothing about it until hours later.

New Orleans police knew nothing of the trap. Excited neighbors telephoned them when it was sprung. They were indignant that the Federal men had invaded their ball-wick without even a "by-your-leave."

An hour after Karpis was taken to the Department of Justice's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers received a telephone call. A voice wanted them to send reporters over for "an announcement." The re-

3 KIDNAPERS LISTED AS 'PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1'

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line today for successor to the unenviable 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, in Tacoma, Washington, May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stall in Louisville.

Harry Campbell, 26, Karpis' companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, January 17, 1934.

Reporters found Mr. Hoover, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of chief New Orleans agent McGee.

Smiling slightly, Mr. Hoover said:—

"Gentlemen, I would like to announce for the government that Alvin Karpis, your so-called public enemy No. 1, has been arrested by agents of the Department of Justice Investigation Department in an apartment on the first floor at 3,343 Canal St., this city.

"Of course," he added, "he's never been our public enemy No. 1."

He then handed each reporter a mimeograph sheet containing Karpis' complete criminal history.

Started as Petty Thief.

Karpis began his career as a petty thief and was initiated into the big-time criminal world in 1931, after his escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing, by Arthur and Fred Barker. He soon became joint leader of the mob and with it is alleged to have participated in the kidnapings of Edward G. Bremer, a wealthy St. Paul banker and Hamm.

Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, were killed by G men in Florida in January, 1935. Karpis had been in their hideout a few hours before the raid and fled northward with Campbell to Atlantic City, where the unsuccessful trap was set for them several weeks later.

Arthur Barker was captured meanwhile, was convicted, with a number of associates, of the Bremer kidnaping, and is serving a life term.

FEDERAL MEN TRAIL PARTNER OF KARPIS

**Campbell's Arrest Is Near,
Says Post Office Inspector.**

By the United Press.

CLEVELAND, May 2.—The search for Harry Campbell, suspected partner of Alvin Karpis in the \$46,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail train robbery, is "hot" and his arrest is imminent, Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick said 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, Mr. Hettrick said. Brock has sworn in affidavits that Karpis and Campbell were the Garrettsville hold-up leaders.

Only two alleged members of the gang which engineered the hold-up last November 7 in Wild West fashion 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 arrested in Tulsa several months ago and is in jail here.

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KARPIS CAPTURED IN NEW ORLEANS BY HOOVER HIMSELF

Another Man and Woman Are
Also Seized by 15 Agents
Under Federal Chief.

DESPERADO PUT ON PLANE

Destination Unannounced as
Half a Dozen Officers Speed
Him Away, Manacled.

ALL TAKEN WITHOUT A SHOT

Just Leaving Apartment, They
Give Up When Surrounded
by Shotgun Squad.

By The Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, No. 1 bad man of the United States, was captured tonight without resistance by officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A few hours later, the man who succeeded John Dillinger as the country's most wanted criminal, heavily guarded and manacled, was put aboard an airplane and taken from the city with the destination unannounced.

Without a shot being fired, though Karpis was armed, he was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37 years old, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from an apartment building about half a mile from the center of the business district.

Mr. 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

Indicted in Kidnappings

Karpis is under indictment for the \$100,000 kidnapping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on Jan. 7, 1934.

He also is wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelly at West Plains, Mo., on Dec. 19, 1931.

The three-year hunt from coast to coast and beyond for Karpis was as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1, Dillinger, who was shot in Chicago.

He was the last of the original Karpis-Barker gang. Seven of that band of bank robbers and kidnapers are now dead and the rest have been captured.

Within the past two weeks the Department of Justice had put a \$5,000 price upon Karpis's head and added a \$2,500 price for information leading to the capture of his pal, Harry Campbell.

Four days ago the postal inspection service followed the department's lead and added a \$2,000 reward for Karpis, bringing his price to \$7,000, and \$2,000 more for Campbell. But Campbell escaped the raid today.

Hoover on Job Several Days

Mr. Hoover said the Bureau of Investigation had known that Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans for the last several months. He, himself, had come here several days ago to direct the manhunt.

Smiling slightly, the chief Federal agent made his announcement of the capture in the Bureau office in the Postoffice Building here about an hour after the raid, which occurred at 5:30 P. M., saying "I've got something interesting to tell you."

Mr. Hoover did not say how many men took part in the capture but there were reported to have been between fifteen and twenty. Speaking of the three arrested, he said:

"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."

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

Shackles were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis and the shackles were then bound together. He and the others were taken to the Postoffice building. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty, red-haired and dressed in white. Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

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

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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 seized and rushed from the scene.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high school student who lives in the apartment where Karpis lived, said that when he got off a street car late this afternoon he saw a man (later identified as Hunter) walking across the sidewalk.

"A woman was walking behind him," Cole added. "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."

"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."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

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

"He seemed all right," Hoffman remarked.

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 declared 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.

Kidnap Victim "Relieved"

PHILADELPHIA, May 1 (AP).—

The doctor whom Alvin Karpis kidnapped in making his escape to the Midwest after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935, was "relieved" tonight to hear the No. 1 bad man of the country had been captured.

"It's interesting and a relief to know he's been caught," said Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker of Allentown, who was forced, at pistol-point, to drive Karpis and a "pal" across Pennsylvania and into Ohio in making good their escape.

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by "Public Enemy No. 1," and his friend, Harry Campbell, the night after they blasted their way out of the Atlantic City Hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two "girl friends" and stopped in the hotel. Atlantic City police

were notified to be on the lookout for an automobile, but were not informed the car was being driven by Karpis and Campbell, so they believed it a stolen car.

They spotted the car in a garage, found out the men who had parked it were in a hotel, and two officers went there to pick them up about noon on a Sunday.

When the policemen knocked on the hotel room door and demanded it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped in an automobile outside the hotel, and sped westward.

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia and forced him to take them to Medina, Ohio.

There they dumped him, bound and gagged, into a vacant hall and sped off in his car. He freed himself and notified authorities.

Threatened Hoover's Life

Living up to his title, Karpis threatened last Summer to kill J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation and the man from whom the criminal had most to fear.

Last August he sent Mr. Hoover a letter threatening death. It was believed that the motive for the threat was the killing of his associate, Fred Barker, by Federal agents.

Mr. Hoover was accustomed to threats from criminals, Dillinger having been one of his correspondents in such matters, and the Federal chief kept his agents on Karpis's trail.

KARPIS CAPTURED

The country at large is breathing easier today since the capture of Alvin Karpis. With the erstwhile holder of the title of Public Enemy No. 1 now behind the bars, William Mahan, wanted for the kidnaping of the Weyerhaeuser boy, automatically takes top position among the Nation's most sought for criminals. If Mahan remains alive, it will be only a matter of time until he, too, will fall victim of the relentless G-Men who are fast ridding the United States of the most desperate and probably the most ingenious criminals this or any country has ever produced.

The success of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under its distinguished chief, J. Edgar Hoover, in tracking down and capturing America's most desperate criminals, is doing more perhaps to discourage major criminal operations throughout the Nation than any other agency in America.

Once an offender commits a crime coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Identification, his eventual capture and conviction is certain unless he should, as has happened in several cases, fall victim of his own kind or be killed in the performance of his "profession."

With the development of this great Federal crime-tracing agency the people of the United States have come to enjoy a feeling of greater security than they experienced during the years when racketeering, kidnaping, and similar wholesale criminal activities held a great portion of the population in fear for their lives and their property.

With the gradual return of public confidence in law enforcement there has come a corresponding fear among the lawless elements that for years have preyed upon society.

Quick to employ modern transportation and communication in the pursuit of their activities, the criminal element was successful for a long period in keeping a jump ahead of the authorities. But it was the use of modern transportation that led to the development of the very agency that has

been so successfully employed against the modern crook. When the criminal extended his activities between States he was long able to avoid capture because of legal obstacles he placed in the path of his pursuers. This led to the adoption of Federal statutes, which made possible the development of the now-famous G-Men whose efficiency and relentless pursuit is fast ending an era of wholesale crime.

Only a few of the so-called "big shots" of crime still remain at large, and unless more of their kind develop, which is less likely than a few years ago, the country can look forward to a period of comparative relief from certain criminal activities.

In the meantime there must be no cessation in the efforts of Mr. Hoover's splendid organization. Nor must there be any relaxation throughout the country in the movement now well under way toward the development of more scientific and efficient police. Because the Federal Bureau of Identification has done splendid work in its field it does not relieve the States and municipalities of their responsibility in the war on crime. Nor should the Federal Bureau be asked to go outside its present jurisdiction in the pursuit of criminals.

The job is one that requires the consolidated efforts of all the crime prevention and law enforcement agencies of the Nation, and only with the highest development of all these in all the political subdivisions of the Nation will we be able to successfully combat crime in the United States.

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KARPIS AT 16 BEGAN HIS CRIME CAREER

Started as a Petty Thief and 'Graduated' Into Killer and Kidnapper.

KNOWN AS 'OLD CREEPY'

Colleagues Feared and Hated Him, but 'Ma' Barker, Later Slain, Made Him a Pet.

ST. PAUL, May 1 (AP).—The 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," which sobriquet he earned 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 country's big-time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnapper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnapping 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 twenty-one days.

Breaks Out of Prison

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 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 hold-up 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 sawblowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the reformatory. When knives were found in his possession he was transferred to the State penitentiary in Lansing, Kan., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

Joined "Ma" Barker's Gang
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.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing (Kan.) Penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers, but his pal was sentenced Sept. 11, 1931, to four years in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 bad-man 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.

Soon after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was on 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 night. 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.

Tip Brought a Murder

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



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GANGSTER CAUGHT
Alvin Karpis

ker 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 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.

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"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, a pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have Karpis, her pet, 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 kidnapping.

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 Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood-gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

Record of Crimes Cited

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores, Karpis was said to have engineered, with his co-leader, "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, hold-ups and kidnappings that netted his gang more than \$500,000.

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Hold-up 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.

Hold-up of First National Bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot, \$32,000.

Hold-up of National Bank and Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000.

Edward G. Bremer kidnapping, \$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, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago.

Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, 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 here indicted Karpis and six others for the kidnapping of Mr. Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused are in custody.

KARPIS CHAINED IN PLANE BOUND FOR ST. PAUL

**Captured in New Orleans
by Federal Agents
Without a Shot.**

HOOVER LEADS IN THE ARREST

**Suspect in Ohio Bank Robbery
and Woman Companion
Also Arrested.**

KANSAS CITY, May 2 (A. P.).—An airliner carrying Alvin Karpis and eight Federal agents left here early today and TWA officers said the plane was bound for St. Paul with a possible stop at Omaha if weather conditions were unfavorable for a one-stop flight.

The plane left here at 5:30 A. M., Central standard time (7:30 A. M., New York time), and TWA employees said they expected the trip to St. Paul to be made in two hours and a half.

During a stop here to await better flying conditions, Karpis, who was captured yesterday at New Orleans, was kept in the plane. The officers, headed by Edgar J. Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, maintained a close watch on him.

One attendant at the airport said Karpis was chained to his seat. TWA officers reported that the

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plane had been directed to fly here by its St. Louis office because of weather conditions along a more direct route between St. Louis and St. Paul.

Captured Without Fight.

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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. The prisoner, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered without a shot in New Orleans last night to Federal agents in the first arrest ever made in person by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

Karpis raised his hands and a pistol was taken from his pocket. Arrested with him as they were about to enter 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 years old, a suspect in the \$34,000 post office robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

Captives Are Shackled.

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 agents 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 covering ten of his twenty-six years, was rushed to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 P. M. (Central standard time) and put aboard a chartered plane by six guards.

Hoover followed him and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to disclose the destination. A midnight stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

Typical Department of Justice secrecy withheld the source of the tip that resulted in the arrests. A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew

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J. Grooms of Topoka, Kan., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

At Cleveland, Ohio, Sylvester J. Hettrick, 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 phase of the case or comment on rumors at New Orleans, that persons who had seen or been with Karpis, were responsible for the important tip.

Victims of the St. Paul kidnappings were cheered by 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 kidnapping charges immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville Post Office robbery.

Hoover Describes Arrest.

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. 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 night flight.

He had been living in the apartment with the woman, who posed as his wife. Hunter visited them nightly. His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

Started From Fingerprints.

"We've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the last two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

The nationwide hunt for Karpis

garprints on a gasoline can, and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap gang. Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction. The robberies and kidnappings of this group in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four them policemen, and \$600,000 cash loss. Bigger ventures included:

The robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, in which three were slain and \$20,000 taken.

A \$30,000 pay roll robbery at South St. Paul August 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

The September 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.

The Bremer kidnapping, in which \$200,000 ransom was paid.

The abduction of Hamm for \$100,000 ransom.

Karpis's crime career began when he was only sixteen years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topoka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

Escaped From Reformatory.

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, Kan., 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 wealthy oil State, broadening their crime activities and adding to their gang.

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.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnapping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly

Escape in Florida.

The association of the outlaws continued until it was interrupted by Federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, Fla., which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnapping, fearful of the electric chair sentence for murder in connection with other crimes.

After the Florida raid, Karpis and Campbell fled North, escaped in a running battle at Atlantic City and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were minor members of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, agents agreed.

The strength of the Federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the clean-up complete.

Boast Not Carried Out.

Successor of such criminals as John Hamilton, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Baby Face Nelson in Department of Justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made: "I'll never be taken alive."

Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce November 22, last year, on charges of neglect and cruelty.

"I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin," she said.

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpacz, of Chicago, the arrest was merely the climax of a criminal career.

"Why tell me about it?"

manded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.

Girl Refuses to Talk.

Hunter and the girl arrested with Karpis were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau, and other Federal agents. "She's a tough baby," observed McGee, "and she won't talk."

The girl presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked dress. She appeared to be in her early twenties.

Agents scoffed at a question that she might have provided the "tipoff" as did the recently deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and the girl engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

"He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said.

Karpis Had Two Names And Three Nicknames

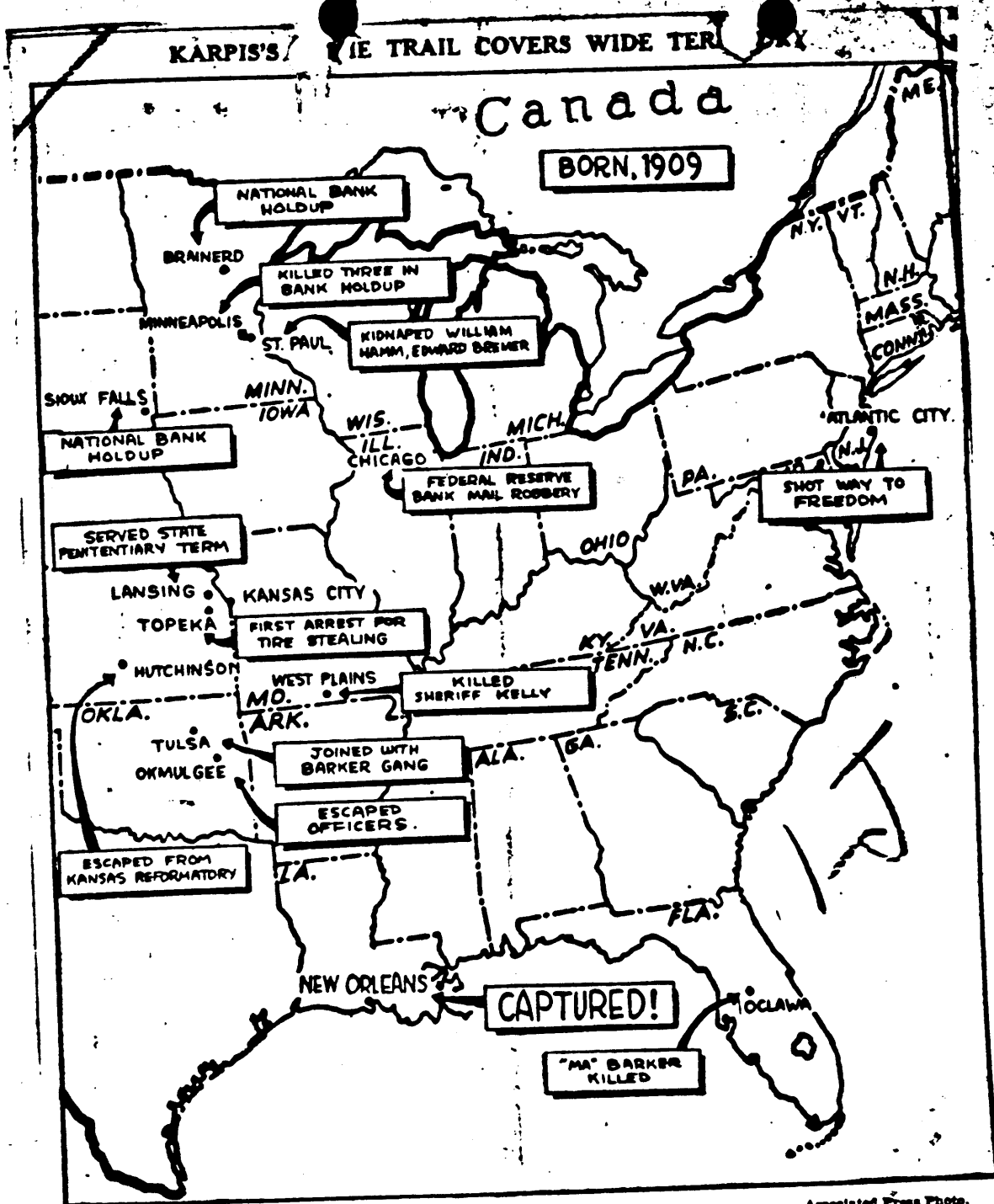
TOPEKA, Kan., May 2 (A. P.).—Alvin Karpis was known to his friends by many names: His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

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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Some of the high spots in the career of "Public Enemy No. 1" are summarized in this map. The criminal trail ended at New Orleans.

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