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By ERIC FRIEDHEIM
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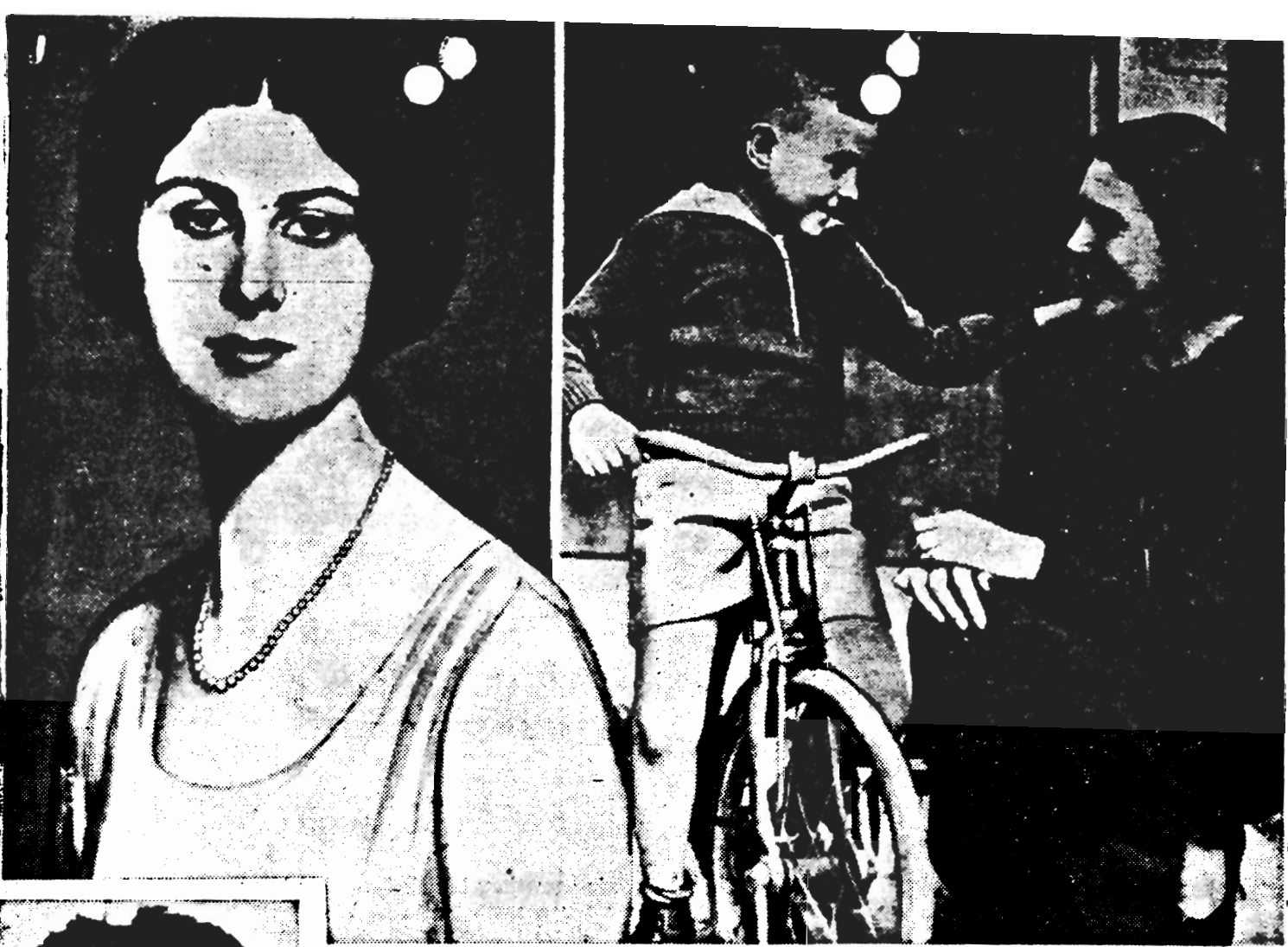
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ALVIN KARPIS, longtime Public Enemy No. 1, shown securely behind the bars in St. Paul, Minn. He is held in default of \$500,000 bail in the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings. International News Sound Photo.

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Gang 'Face-Lifter' Still Lives, His Dentist Says

CHICAGO, May 8 (I.N.S.). Capture of Harry "Limpy" Campbell by Department of Justice agents in Toledo yesterday turned attention today to the mysterious Dr. Joseph P. Moran, of suburban Maywood, the official "face lifter" and only important member of the Barker-Karpis gang not officially known to be dead or captured.

Dr. Hal C. Billig, Maywood dentist, today again flatly contradicted the assertion of J. Edgar Hoover that the gangland doctor is dead, murdered by his lawless patients.

Dr. Billig, who worked on Dr. Moran's teeth several years ago, said that last week Federal agents brought him the teeth and bridgework from the mouth of a body recovered from Lake Erie. The body is believed by G-men to be that of Moran, killed by gangsters because he talked too much while drunk concerning his underworld connections.

Dr. Billig repeated his positive belief the teeth were not Moran's.

Dr. Moran was an honor medical students who slipped into crime through prison association with criminals. His practice in LaSalle county Ill., was ruined when he was sent to prison for an illegal operation just as he was gaining a reputation as a surgeon of great skill. Released on parole he was unable to resume his lucrative practice. He was returned to the penitentiary as a parole violator and upon his second release began his underworld practice.

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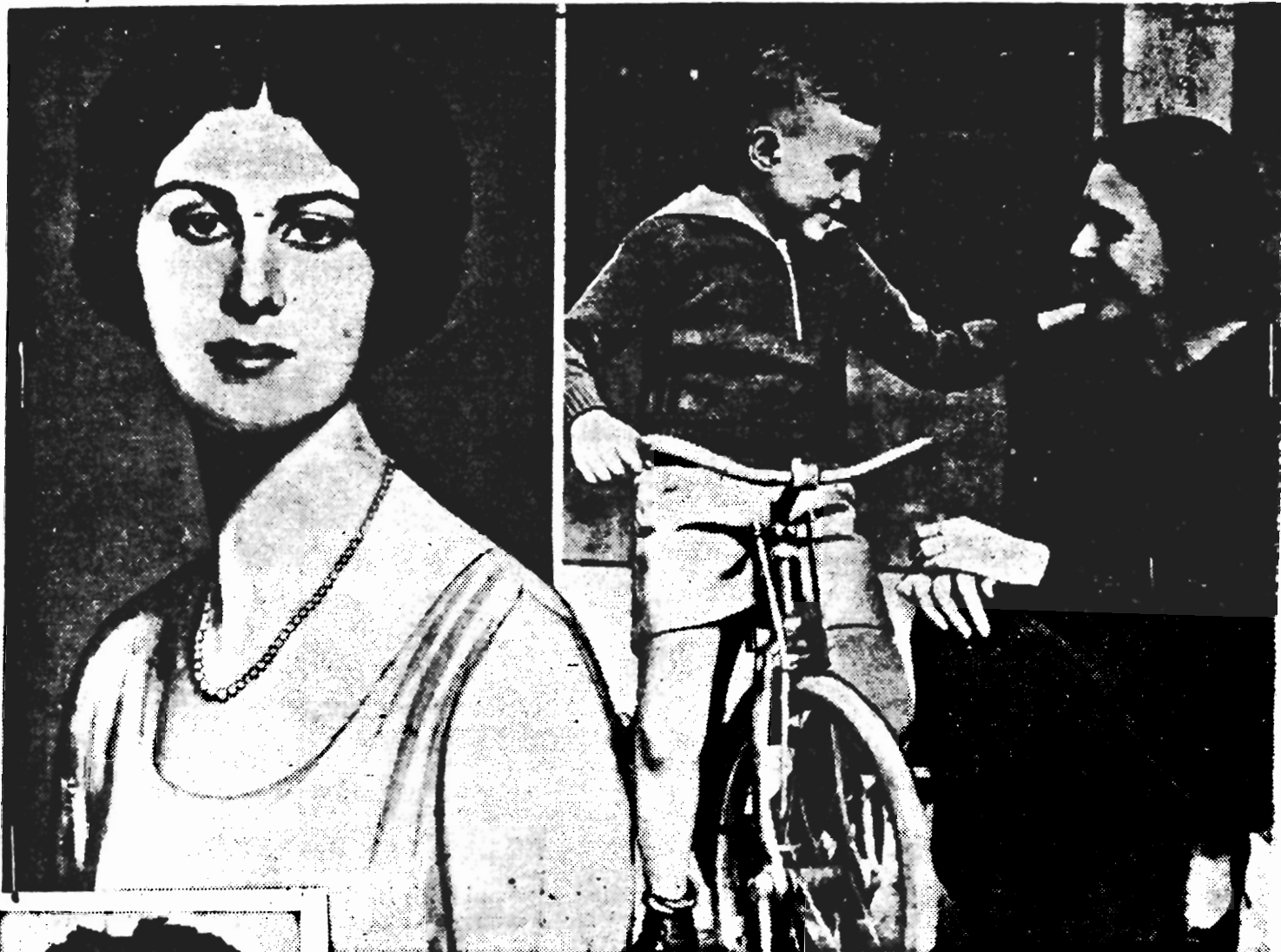
**Five Held in Jail
Have Bail Value
Of Over \$1,000,000**

**Karpis, at \$500,000,
Tops List of Ramsey
County Prisoners.**

By the Associated Press.
ST. PAUL, May 8.—The Ramsey County Jail today held Federal prisoners with a "bail-valuation" of more than \$1,000,000.
The group and the amounts they failed to raise included:
Alvin Karpis, \$500,000; Byron Bolton, \$300,000; Edmund Bartholomy, \$100,000; Charles Fitzgerald, \$100,000; Tommy Touhy, \$50,000.
Karpis was charged with complicity in the abductions of Edward Bremer and William Hamm, jr. Bartholomy and Fitzgerald were accused of the latter crime. Bolton had pleaded guilty to the former. Touhy has an appeal pending on his conviction for a railroad station robbery in Minneapolis.
Should Harry Campbell join the crestfallen company, the total would be boosted by the \$500,000 the Government was prepared to ask for him.

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HEAD OF DOPE RING GIVES UP

NEW ORLEANS, May 8 (I.N.S.). The spectacular roundup of public enemies by Federal agents was credited today for the voluntary surrender of one of the heads of a gigantic dope smuggling ring.

Apparently assured by the capture of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Mahan that it would just be a question of time until he too would be surrounded by grim-faced Government agents, Alfred "Red" Raener, of Brooklyn, long-sought smuggler, walked into the office of the supervisor of narcotics here last night, and said:

"I'm tired and sick of dodging the Government. I want to plead guilty."

Raener was taken into custody and offered bond, but said:

"I don't want bond. I said I want to plead guilty and get it over with."

Raener, 38, admitted the recent activities of Government agents "persuaded" him to surrender. Raener had been sought since last October, when narcotic agents smashed an international ring smuggling dope into the United States.

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SHERIFF OFTEN MET 'LIMPY'

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 8 (I.N.S.).—An acquaintanceship developed during recent months between Sheriff James O'Reilly, of Lucas county, and Harry "Limpy" Campbell, Karpis gangster captured here yesterday, it was disclosed today. The sheriff admitted he had talked with Campbell in a beer parlor here, but insisted he had not recognized him as the hunted gangster.

According to Sheriff O'Reilly, he kept a pet dog at a cafe near the apartment where Campbell was arrested. Campbell's girl wife took a liking to the dog, and tried to buy one like it.

The cafe proprietor mentioned the matter to the sheriff, and the officer and Campbell, whom he said he knew as "Miller," became acquainted. The sheriff said:

"I had no idea that Miller was the notorious Campbell."

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CAMPBELL'S WIFE FREED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 8 (I.N.S.).—While Sam Coker, 40-year-old member of the Alvin Karpis gang, was believed en route today to McAlester, Okla., to reenter the State penitentiary there, the pretty 21-year-old wife of Harry Campbell, last of the principal Karpis outlaws, was released by G-men and returned to Toledo.

Coker, arrested with Campbell yesterday in Toledo, must serve 18 years of a 30-year term for robbery as a parole violator. While Campbell was flown to St. Paul, Minn., to face kidnapping charges with Karpis, Coker was brought here by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

J. P. McFarland, head of the Department of Justice here, said he "understood" that Coker was being returned to the Oklahoma prison today by agents who came here with Hoover.

A number of agents remained in the city, and arrests were reported imminent, possibly on charges of harboring members of the Karpis mob when they were in a Cleveland hideout in 1934.

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Crooked Politicians Next Aim As G-Men Grab Kidnapers

WASHINGTON, May 8 (U.P.)—An indication that the next major field of the Federal Government's G-men would be the shadowy connections between dishonest politicians and the underworld was seen today in the jubilant announcement of J. Edgar Hoover that only one of the kidnapers who harassed the nation for over three years, remains at large.

Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, pressed a Federal round-up of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from Federal justice, while his agents rushed the two newest public enemies captured by his department to justice.

In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George Hunt Weyerhaeuser, who was "Public Enemy, No. 1" (or "Public Rat, No. 1," according to Hoover), during the six days between his capture and that of Alvin Karpis, faced quick arraignment on two long-pending indictments.

In St. Paul, Harry Campbell, 36, last member of the Barker-Karpis gang to remain at large, joined his erstwhile chief, Karpis, in custody. Both face trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, in 1934, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, in 1933.

Remaining at large was Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, of Louisville, who has retained his liberty so far only because he has no underworld connections and is an expert female impersonator.

Hoover revealed that arrests were imminent in the Cleveland, Ohio, area where, he said, members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been harbored by persons accepted as respectable in their communities. He intimated that no person who aided any of the recently-captured fugitives would escape. He revealed that Campbell and Karpis had escaped capture months ago only because they had been tipped off by crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections.

Hoover again denounced crooked politicians. They were, he said, the real public enemies.

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of one another yesterday—Campbell at dawn, in Toledo, O., Mahan at noon, in San Francisco. Within a few hours after their arrests, both were in airplanes en route to the scenes of their alleged crimes where they will face the bars of justice.

Mahan's Aides in Prison

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnaping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and his wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waleys, the G-men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$55,000 and expect to recover most of the remainder.

Mahan had \$7,300 in his pocket when arrested and in his car \$30,000 more was found. Previously, \$15,000, which he had been forced to abandon with an automobile he had used in his constant fleeing from authorities, was recovered.

Hoover said his bureau would now "work in earnest" on the apprehension of Robinson, who was a Tennessee lawyer before he turned kidnaper and collected \$50,000 from Mrs. Stoll's wealthy husband.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 7 (U.P.)—The Minneapolis Tribune said tonight it had learned that clever questioning of Alvin Karpis and good acting by Department of Justice agents produced the clue that led to the arrest at Toledo today of Harry Campbell, Karpis' pal.

The agents, the Tribune said, talked about Karpis' escape with Campbell from Atlantic City last year, southern fishing, and finally New Orleans, where Karpis was arrested last Friday.

Then, the paper added, Karpis asked: "By the way, who put the finger on me?"

"Your pal," an agent was quoted as replying.

The Government men soon learned Campbell was in Toledo, the article set forth.

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But the G-M Did It!

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The speed and precision, wholly lacking in the fanfare which has too often accompanied the arrest of major criminals, surprised Toledoans who were getting their last few winks before breakfast.

Mr. Hoover finds law enforcement is much more effective without the brass bands which usually are in evidence when a local law enforcement agency makes an important arrest.

Campbell is one resident Toledo will be glad to get along without. Living quietly in his hideout on Monroe street he had escaped the detection of Toledo police. His record proves that he is a dangerous man. Once he had run low of funds, he was of the type whose disrespect for local police was of such magnitude that he was sure to have staged a major holdup, no matter how many lives it cost, in Toledo.

There is an accounting due from Toledo police. They had been supplied with an accurate description of the fugitive. He did leave his apartment. He had been on the streets and there is little possibility of his being on the streets without being seen, at some time, by one or more policemen.

When the police department had a hoodlum squad whose specific duty it was to know who was entering and leaving Toledo this probably would not have happened. Each member of this squad was a fearless man who commanded the respect of the underworld all over the United States.

If Chief Allen hopes to free Toledo of the reputation it has had for being a safe place for major criminals to hide he will have to have such a strong-arm squad commanded by someone who knows his business and is not afraid to do his job.

There was a period of several years when big criminals avoided Toledo. They knew the town was "hot" and the police were hard to handle.

Are we going to slip back into the spineless period when we permitted arch-enemies of society to make their nests here so long as they promised to carry on their lawlessness somewhere else?

The capture of Harry Campbell in Toledo is a serious matter. Everywhere in the world the name of this public enemy will be linked with that of Toledo. And those who remember the reputation of the city in the old days will nod their heads knowingly and say: "It's the same old town."

No one in Toledo wants it to be the "same old town." There is not a citizen anywhere who does not prize his safety on the streets or who wants these dangerous criminals among the city's inhabitants.

The Times has much to say in commendation of the investigation bureau of the Department of Justice for the swift and effective manner in which the agents came and relieved Toledo of an unwanted citizen.

But we cannot depend on Mr. Hoover's men to do our policing. It is not their job.

It is the first responsibility of our own police department in which there are many men capable of finding and capturing dangerous criminals who must spend their time hanging little yellow tags on automobiles.

It is hard to find a plausible excuse for the failure to detect Campbell's presence in town. It is understood that here he mingled with the underworld unmolested. He had a limp which would enable even an amateur to pick him out of a hundred men walking down the street.

This is not the kind of police protection Toledo wants. If there are any more such dangerous characters in our midst it is the duty of police officials to get them out. And get them out at once!

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VICTORIOUS OVER SPOILSMEN

J. EDGAR HOOVER, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, today, whom Postmaster General Farley and other Federal spoilsmen attempted to oust a few months ago, said that some petty F.R.E.C. (For Roosevelt Before Chicago) might be given his job.

J. Edgar Hoover is the man who has fought the politicians tooth and nail to build a law enforcement agency that would be above bribery, political influence or fear. He has succeeded.

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J. Edgar Hoover has built the world's greatest detective force. It has wiped out the Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Barker, Karpis and Campbell gangs that a year or two ago were terrorizing citizens of the tier of states between the Mississippi and the Rockies, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. "Crime Corridor" has been cleaned out. In less than a week, three of the ranting public enemies have been taken into custody at such widely separated points as New Orleans, Toledo and San Francisco.

The gang that was wiped out in the New Orleans and Toledo raids is charged with a \$16,000 Ohio mail robbery. Postal inspectors of Farley's Tammanyized Post Office Department were in Toledo when the G-Men made their raid. But they refused to co-operate, according to Hoover. "Professional jealousy" is the explanation. But it looks more like dirty, underhanded politics. The non-political Bureau of Investigation is making too good a record. The Tammany gang cannot stand the contrast.

A convict paroled from Oklahoma state penitentiary at McAlester was caught by Hoover and his men in the raid on the Toledo hideout of Harry Campbell, who got his start in big time crime during a period of lax law enforcement in Tulsa. Every day, scores of other habitual criminals are being released from prisons in Oklahoma and other states having politically controlled pardon and parole systems. Every citizen knows what to expect when only spoils politicians stand between law-abiding citizens and the criminal element.

Under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the people's strongest protection against crime. Every citizen who is grateful for that protection should remember that it was a victory over Tammany politics—the kind of politics that thwarts law enforcement and that turns criminals loose upon the public—that made it possible.

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POLICE HEADS INCENSED AT RAID TACTICS

Express Confidence in
Personnel; Allen
Writes to Hoover.

High police officials today expressed confidence in the personnel of the department and gave voice to resentment at the manner in which federal agents yesterday conducted their sudden raid which resulted in the capture of Harry Campbell, desperado, and added another criminal scalp to the bestudded belt of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men.

The expression of confidence was made in response to rumors Campbell was the recipient of aid while in hiding here.

Joseph Fruchey, inspector of detectives, declared if there were any men in his bureau who knowingly had associated with Campbell and withheld information of his presence in the city those men were not wanted on the department, but added that he did not believe such was the case.

Says Looks Have Changed

Defending his men, Inspector Fruchey declared it sometimes is easy to pass a known person without recognizing the individual. He also said that Campbell's appearance now does not resemble his likeness in a photograph on the wanted circular sent to the department some time ago.

Sergt. Frank Baumgardner, assistant to Police Chief Ray Allen, said Mr. Hoover sent letters to both Chief Allen and himself congratulating them on their promotion in the department recently and promising to give or request aid in cases of mutual concern. On some occasions the federal agents had asked for and obtained aid from the local department, he said.

Informed that several members of the department appeared to be jittery this morning, Sergeant Baumgardner declared:

"Well, two or three, but not a lot of them."
Incensed at the federal agents' tactics in the raid, Chief Allen late yesterday directed a letter to the G-man chief expressing his displeasure.

Letter Attacks Method

The letter, mailed to Hoover early last night, follows:

"Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:
"May I congratulate you and the members of your department on your very fine work in capturing Harry Campbell in this city.

"Although the accomplishment is commendable, the method pur-

sued in not notifying this department, or asking our assistance, casts an unpleasant reflection upon the honesty and sincerity of the division I command.

"As reported in the daily papers at the time of the Alvin Karpis capture in New Orleans, you stated, 'that the federal bureau of investigation always cooperates with local police departments except in cities where they are corrupt.'

"I would like to know if there has been any failure in the proper performance of their duties by any members of this department? If there has been, I believe that in all fairness I should be so informed.

"CHIEF RAY ALLEN."

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'Scram, Detective,' G-Men Order Officer

So Green Almost, But Not Quite, Assists in Capture of
Notorious Harry Campbell Here

The Toledo Police Department almost got in on the federal raid early yesterday that resulted in the capture of Harry Campbell.

Detective Owen Green was driving home with some friends at the moment when J. Edgar Hoover assembled his G-men outside the apartment at 2132 Monroe Street in which Campbell and his wife were nabbed.

"Gee, those guys have got ma-

chine guns. It looks like a stick-up," one of his companions said to Green.

The detective circled around, stopped his car and walked up to investigate.

He halted when one of the men carrying a machine gun wheeled around and aimed the weapon at him.

"We're federal agents. Scram," he barked at Green.

"Well, I'm a city detective. Can I be of any help to you?" Green answered.

Another of the agents came up to him. Green believes that this was Hoover himself.

"We're grateful to you for your offer," he said courteously, "but we've got everything all lined up. We're all set. We really don't need your help and I think it would be better for you to go."

Green went.

It was not until he awakened yesterday afternoon that he learned whom the G-men were after in the raid.

And it was not until he made a report on his experience still later in the afternoon, that heads of the Police Department learned by how little they missed being represented in the raid.

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G-Whiz Men

Radio Peps Up Prosaic Campbell Capture By Man Hunters

"MARCH OF TIME," radio program, put the arrest of Harry Campbell on the air Thursday night.

Radio news broadcasters allow themselves some license in relating what they call "non-essential detail."

Non-essential detail means that if you know four G-men went up a stairway to make an arrest, you can quote them as saying:

"ALL RIGHT, boys, steady now! Let's get him. This man's desperate and will shoot to kill." Of course, it may have been that the G-men actually said: "Cripes, but that Dizzy Dean was lucky to win that one yesterday." Anyway, the conversation on the air was much more brisk and

rapid-fire and voluminous than Mrs. Gerald Foshaugh, only eyewitness, described it to newspapers yesterday.

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ARRESTS NEAR, CAPITAL SAYS

'Crooked Ohio Connections Blamed for Escape of Karpis, Campbell

WASHINGTON, May 8 (UP)—Revealing that arrest are imminent in the "Cleveland area" as a result of the "harboring of the Karpis-Campbell-Barker gang" by persons accepted as respectable in their communities, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men, today put Washington on its toes for expected sensational disclosures.

He intimated no persons who have aided the fugitives captured in yesterday's G-man's field day would escape.

He revealed that Karpis, taken May 1, and Harry Campbell, taken yesterday at Toledo, escaped months ago only because they had been aided by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections."

Washington accepted his statements as an indication that the next field of operations for the G-men will be the shadowy zone that is known to connect criminals and politicians and officeholders.

Rush Mahan to Trial

Meanwhile, the criminals who have harassed the nation for more than three years were reduced to one fugitive of major importance, Thomas Robinson, the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll of Louisville.

Hoover pressed a federal roundup of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from federal justice, while his agents rushed the two newest public enemies captured by his department, to justice.

In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George Hunt Weyerhaeuser, who was "Public Enemy No. 1" (or "Public Rat No. 1," according to Hoover), during the six days between his capture and that of Alvin Karpis, faced quick arraignment on two long-pending indictments.

In St. Paul, Harry Campbell, last member of the Barker-Karpis gang to remain at large, joined his erstwhile chief, Karpis, in custody. Both face trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., brewer, in 1934, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, in 1933.

Hoover again denounced crooked politicians. They were, he said, the real public enemies.

Companions in Prison

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of one another yesterday — Campbell at dawn in Toledo, Mahan at noon in San Francisco. Within a few hours after their arrests, both were in airplanes en route to the scenes of their alleged crimes where they will face the bars of justice.

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnaping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and his wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waleys the G-men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$55,000 and expected to recover most of the remainder.

Hoover, who freely discussed the series of arrests last night, revealed that his agents considered the Campbell raid by far the most dangerous of the three, even

though Karpis was more notorious as a gunman.

He explained that while Karpis was a "smart" man, and probably would surrender without making trouble if he saw there was no chance of escape—just as he actually did when he found himself surrounded by federal agents—Campbell was a "small town punk who had a big head" and would likely try to shoot his way out.

Hoover indicated that his agents and postoffice inspectors had encountered difficulty in working together.

"We haven't had a bit of help of any kind from any postal inspector in making these arrests," Hoover said grimly.

Hoover revealed that Karpis had protested vigorously against being called a "rat."

"Anna Sage, who squealed on Dillinger, was a rat," Hoover said. Karpis asserted, "but you've got no right to call me one."

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O'REILLY MUST GO

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Lucas county ought not to have that sheriff in office tomorrow. He should resign today. Public decency and the reputation of Toledo demand it. It is the least O'Reilly can do to maintain self respect and whatever respect he is entitled to from the people of Toledo. The reputation of our city demands this action at once.

"I've been drinking beer with Campbell plenty of times," said the sheriff yesterday, "but I never knew who he was. I hadn't seen a picture of him."

And in the meantime a picture of the criminal Campbell had been on the bulletin board in the county jail.

The sheriff says he has seen Campbell about once a week or once in every week or two since last winter.

In the annals of crime—in and out of fiction—is there a tale more amazing, a record more disgraceful than this?

It is said other officers of the law have known Campbell in this city. If so, that will be found out and proved. And then they must follow O'Reilly into retirement.

Unaided by sheriff's office or police, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, flies into Toledo and nabs Campbell. Must Toledo depend upon Hoover to rid this city of notorious crooks while the sheriff drinks his friendly glass of beer with the blackest outlaw of them all?

"I didn't know he was a criminal," says the sheriff. "I never saw a picture of him."

And he never looked at the bulletin board in his own jail.

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Harry Called Good Sport, Cheap Skate by Relatives

Mr. Campbell Apparently Dazzled Some Folks
but Failed to Impress Other
in-Laws.

To the members of the family into which he married, Harry Campbell was both a swell guy and a cheap skate.

The expressions are theirs, for in the garbled domestic life of the Billeter family the captured Public Enemy No. 1 played a two-faced role.

To the father of his wife Gertrude he was a tender and sympathetic soul. He dropped \$25 into his lap one day two months ago when Joseph Billeter was ill in his home at 839 Vinton street. Last Easter he brought Gertrude's father a box of cigars, then took him for a long ride in the country.

Let Henry Billeter, brother of Joseph and owner of the house in which Gertrude's father lives, tell you about the man who took the place of Karpis.

"It's not true," he shouted when a Blade reporter informed him of the real identity of "Robert Miller."

"He was only here a few weeks ago and was the same kindly, quiet, well dressed man who was always solicitous of the family welfare. Why, he used to come to the house with presents, then drive Gertrude and her father out into the country."

He only came at night, however, Mr. Billeter admitted.

Campbell, he said, met Gertrude at a party given at the beer tavern of the Goulets more than a year ago. After a short and hectic courtship, they were married last Memorial Day. According to Henry Billeter, Campbell was an "all-right guy."

But listen to the story told by Joseph Billeter, brother of Gertrude, who lives with his mother at 518 Kopenik avenue. Mrs. Billeter has

been separated from her husband for the last five years.

"I never trusted him," Joseph said. "He never looked me straight in the eye. One day several months ago he offered me a dollar to wash his car. While I was washing it I found a 45 caliber revolver in the front pocket."

"He never would say what his business was, although Gertrude told us he was a contractor. He always seemed to have plenty of money, yet one day when I did a special job on his car and thought it was worth more than the usual dollar, the cheap skate refused to pay additional money."

Joseph, Jr., revealed that Campbell was an enthusiastic fisherman. He made frequent trips to Silver Lake, Mich. Joe made several trips with the newly-weds, still nervous, he admits, for the alleged contractor still carried a pistol in the side pocket of the car. In all his dealings on the trips, Joseph said, the supposed tough guy would haggle over the price of a dinner.

Joe, who works for the Acklin Auto Stamping Co., revealed that the gangster was a temperamental fisherman. He'd give up in disgust if the fish didn't bite immediately.

Such a man was Harry Campbell—a swell guy and a cheap skate.

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FEDERAL MEN USE SAME SHIP

**Campbell Arrest Effected
With Plane Employed
to Nab Karpis.**

The same transport plane used by the federal men in the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans a week ago was used by J. Edgar Hoover and his aides in the arrest yesterday of Harry Campbell, his wife and Sam Coker.

A regular TWA ship, similar to the Sun Racer which crashed several weeks ago, the 15-passenger plane landed at Transcontinental airport, and was taxied into the Curtis hangar there while Mr. Hoover and his men left for Toledo.

Floyd Puse, night station manager at the airport, who witnessed the arrival of the agents and their departure with their captives, had only one comment to make about Campbell.

"He looked," he said, "as though he wanted to drop through a hole."

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It's Up to Chief of Police Ray Allen

A FEW days ago Ray Allen, chief of police, decreed that no crook, big or little, shall find a resting place in Toledo. One of the most notorious outlaws in America has been here for months. Yesterday federal officers came and got him—took him away right from under the noses of the police. The crisis has come. It is up to the chief. He is new on the job. He has just announced his new policy. Can he make good? The Blade believes he can.

This newspaper openly approved the appointment of the chief only a few weeks ago. He is an earnest young man, has been a good officer, and wants to prove himself a competent chief.

Allen can do it but he must get busy very fast, work very hard, sweep very clean with that new broom.

We can't expect J. Edgar Hoover constantly to guard the gates of Toledo. That's up to the police.

Let the chief put sharp teeth in his policy, get his men together, today, and start a new fight that will prove Toledo has a police force we can be proud of.

Chief—it's up to you!

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KEEPING A CARTOON UP TO DATE



This Talburt cartoon, published in The News-Bee last Tuesday and entitled "Tough on Rats" had to be brought up to date yesterday with the capture of two more Public Enemies, or "Rats," as the G-Men prefer to call them. Harry Campbell's name was stricken from the list early yesterday morning with his capture in Toledo. William Mahan was crossed off by his capture in San Francisco. Only one remains, the elusive Thomas G. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll of Louisville.

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Green Drives Up as Raid Gets Under Way; Finds He Isn't Needed.

"Scram."

That was the order given to Detective Owen Green early yesterday by federal agents when he unexpectedly came upon the G-men in their raid on the apartment at 2132 Monroe street that resulted in the capture of Harry Campbell, notorious criminal.

Green was driving home with friends when the G-men arrived in front of the Monroe street building. A friend remarked to him that the men had machine guns and thought it might be a stickup.

The detective circled around, stopped his car and walked back to investigate.

He halted when one of the agents swung a machine gun on him.

"We're federal agents. Scram," said the agent. "We're all set. We really don't need your help and I think it would be better for you to go."

Green replied that he was a city detective and offered his assistance.

Another agent, whom he now believes to have been J. Edgar Hoover, approached.

"We're grateful to you for your offer," said the G-man. "But, we've got everything all lined up."

Green then left. It was not until he awakened yesterday afternoon that he learned the G-men had captured Campbell.

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Editor's Talk

THE thing I keep speculating about in connection with this story of Sheriff O'Reilly drinking beer with "Bob Miller" is what Mister Miller was thinking about it all. He must have known that his drinking companion was the sheriff.

Probably he was thinking: "What a slick duck I am, see drinking with the sheriff. I guess that would make that smart guy, Karpis, sit up and take notice."

Too bad, Jim, but I guess you have got it coming to you.

I AM afraid there isn't much that can be done to re-establish Sheriff O'Reilly's reputation for official smartness. That's pretty well shot.

But the public should know, I think, that the sheriff quite naively announced to a News-Bee reporter that he had known the man who proved to be Campbell, and had had drinks with him. He acted like a bewildered, but not a guilty man.

True, the sheriff was found out there on premises next to the Campbell apartment soon after the arrests, but a sheriff who was a quick explainer would have explained that circumstance by saying that he was doing a bit of official investigating.

The facts certainly indicate the sheriff was taken in, but they are not such as to show any guilty knowledge. Personally, I can't believe that Jim O'Reilly is guilty of anything worse than failing to keep his wits about him, but that, I am afraid, sounds pretty bad for a sheriff.

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QUINLIVAN MUM ABOUT O'REILLY

**Sheriff's Name Already
on Ballot; Withdrawal
After Primary Hinted.**

John J. Quinlivan, chairman of the Lucas County Democratic campaign committee, said today he has nothing to say at this time about Sheriff James O'Reilly.

Observers have expressed the opinion that Democratic leaders and Democratic officeholders who are running on Sheriff O'Reilly's ticket will go into conference soon to decide a course of action.

The ballots for the Tuesday primary have been printed, and no action that Sheriff O'Reilly might take at this time, could change this fact. Even if he tendered his resignation, for which there has been a demand, he would receive many votes because his name is on the ballot, it is explained.

The voters might, if they were so inclined, write in the name of some other candidate for sheriff, but this usually proves ineffectual and shows nothing more than a trend.

O'Reilly Could Withdraw

In case Sheriff O'Reilly, later, decides to withdraw from the ticket, as a gesture of friendliness to other nominees in his party, it would be possible anytime after the primaries. The Democratic county executive committee is empowered by law to fill a vacancy on the ticket, caused by withdrawal or death.

Already, some believe that this will be the case, and there is talk of drafting Joseph Delehaunty, now of the sheriff's office, father-in-law of Ray Sheahan, county commissioner, to make the race in Sheriff O'Reilly's stead.

Sheriff O'Reilly cannot be removed from office unless at least 1,000 voters of Lucas county sign a bill of complaint to be filed in common pleas court.

Governor Powerless

Investigation of state law today revealed that the governor does not have authority to remove a county sheriff unless that official fails to prevent the lynching of a prisoner in his charge.

The statute for removal of county officials provides that 10 per cent of the electorate of the county concerned must sign a complaint. The number need not be more than 1,000, however.

The common pleas court is required to hold a hearing on any general charge thus presented and to remove the official if he is found guilty. The official may be suspended during the hearing.

General charges which may be filed against a county official include willful neglect of duty, abuse of power, misconduct in office and

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SHERIFF DEFIES DEMANDS THAT HE RESIGN NOW

**"Next Move Up to U. S.,"
He Declares as He
Awaits Action.**

"The next move is up to the federal government, not me. I will not resign."

That is the position taken today by Sheriff James M. O'Reilly in the controversy that has arisen since it was disclosed yesterday that he had been acquainted with Harry Campbell, nationally notorious criminal, arrested here in a raid yesterday by G-men.

O'Reilly, while admitting that he met Campbell on many occasions, insists that he thought he was a Bob Miller, a contractor.

The sheriff today said that he had disclosed his every connection with Campbell and for that reason the next move was up to the G-men. He was not disturbed by the agents last night.

The sheriff went to the office of Frazier Reams, county prosecutor, before noon today and held a five-minute conversation with him. O'Reilly did not go to the prosecutor for advice but merely as a friend, it was said. The prosecutor said the sheriff told him the same story already published.

Dog Lovers

O'Reilly also refuses to resign his position as a result of the disclosures that he had been in Campbell's company on numerous occasions in Toledo.

O'Reilly admitted last night that he was acquainted with Campbell. The sheriff said, however, that he knew the much sought criminal as Bob Miller, a man interested in dogs

and not as an underworld character.

Admitting he had been acquainted with Campbell for at least five

months, O'Reilly said he was introduced to the man by Frank Goulet, who runs a beer parlor adjoining the apartment where Campbell was arrested at 2132 Monroe street.

Campbell, whose picture had been displayed in the county jail; his wife, Gertrude, and Sam Coker, western criminal, were arrested in two raids.

The sheriff said Goulet, whom he had known for many years, had been keeping a couple of Scottie dogs for him. Campbell had seen the dogs and wanted to purchase one like them.

A short time later O'Reilly said he walked into Goulet's beer parlor and saw Campbell in the place. Goulet introduced Campbell to him as Miller and the latter asked where he could buy one of the dogs, the sheriff continued.

O'Reilly said he suggested to Miller (Campbell) that he purchase one from Charles Quetschke, who raises dogs in Monroe street near the Terminal railroad tracks.

Wanted a Male

Asked why he did not sell Campbell one of the dogs that Goulet was keeping for him, the sheriff explained that the dogs were females and Campbell wanted a male.

The sheriff admitted that although police and sheriffs throughout the entire nation were seeking Campbell and his picture was on circulars posted in hundreds of places, he saw the man on several occasions and drank beer with him several times.

O'Reilly also said he saw Mrs. Campbell with the dog her husband finally purchased, and added that he saw Campbell at the opening baseball game at Swayne field.

Although scores of city detectives and uniform police were at the game, they did not recognize him either.

Stating he was greatly startled when he learned that the man he knew as Miller was the famous criminal for whom a \$2,500 reward had been offered, the sheriff said he never had seen a picture of Campbell.

However, in the file in the Lucas county jail, over which O'Reilly has control, there reposed a government circular with a large picture of Campbell and a full description of him.

Size Impression

"My impression of Miller was that he was five feet 10 inches or six feet tall," the sheriff explained when questioned at the Junior Bar association meeting in the Commodore Perry hotel last night.

"I always had been informed that Campbell was a little fellow, five feet four or five inches.

"It would have made me famous all over the country if I could have arrested this fellow," O'Reilly con-

cluded. "I am suspected in the lightest that the man I knew as Miller was Campbell. I could have arrested him on several occasions."

The county official said he saw Campbell at the Granada Gardens at Secor road and Monroe street about two weeks ago at a Dinty Moore party. He said he also learned that Campbell, under the name of Miller, had registered at the board of elections.

Reporters for The Blade received the first intimation that Sheriff O'Reilly might have knowledge in the Campbell case yesterday. The reporters questioned youngsters in the neighborhood about three Scotties in the rear of the Goulet yard.

The children told reporters that the dogs belonged to "the sheriff," but did not designate him by name. Others had supplied the information that Campbell and his wife had been in the habit of exercising the dogs and that one of them ap-

parently belonged to Campbell.

When a photographer for The Blade started to take a picture of the dogs, who were barking furiously, a woman ran out and demanded that he desist.

"Those dogs belong to Sheriff O'Reilly," she screamed, "and I'll tell him to take care of you."

While the woman cursed, the photographer took three pictures of the dogs.

One of the dogs was reported missing at midnight last night.

Circulars on wanted criminals are received regularly at police headquarters and at the county jail. Those at the county jail are placed in a box where they can be perused by the deputies.

The circulars on Karpis and Campbell were received a day or two before Karpis was arrested, which was a week before G-men caught up with Campbell.

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CAPTIVE BRAVE, G-MEN REPORT

**Campbell Called 10 Times
as Courageous
as Karpis.**

Alvin Karpis may have been labeled America's Public Enemy No. 1, but his right hand man, Harry Campbell, captured here yesterday, possesses 10 times the courage of his leader.

This is the opinion of G-men who participated in the raid that brought the last free member of the Karpis gang into captivity.

"He was cool, and steady," one operative said today.

When J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation entered the Monroe street apartment where Campbell was arrested, the gangster called him by name, according to another G-man who was in the raiding party.

"How do you know, who I am?" Mr. Hoover queried.

"Well," Campbell is said to have replied, "I've studied so many pictures of you that I probably know you better than you know me."

It also was revealed by some of the operatives that it was Campbell

who saved Karpis from a police trap in Atlantic City in January, 1935. Campbell was the man who led his chief in a dash from a hotel there and opened a means of escape by maintaining a volley of gunfire as the two ran for an automobile.

Both Campbell and Karpis were hunted in Toledo shortly after their escape from Atlantic City.

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Detective Visits Scene of Capture

A member of the Toledo police department appeared on the scene of the Campbell capture at 7 o'clock last night, marking the second approach since the apprehension of the gangster early in the morning. Detective Harry Manson, mem-

ber of the newly organized investigation squad, appeared at the door where the G-men were working about noon, but made no attempt

to enter. The other officer, Detective Claire Powers, burglar squad officer, walked to the door then left quietly without comment.

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Leaves Washington On Mysterious Trip After Conference

Refuses Controversy With Allen Over Cooperation Lack in Raids Here.

The first public criticism of Sheriff James M. O'Reilly was made today by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the famous G-men who arrested Harry Campbell, notorious Karpis gangster here yesterday morning in a sensational raid on a Monroe street apartment.

While criticizing the sheriff because the latter admitted having associated with Campbell for some time when Campbell's pictures were plastered on every wall in the country, Hoover refused to state definitely whether any arrests are to be made of Toledo officials in connection with the gangsters activities in Toledo. Hoover said, however, that the investigation was continuing and left for an unannounced destination at once.

Hoover was found by newsmen in the corridor of the department of justice building as he was leaving the office of Attorney General Cummings in Washington.

The G-men's chief, when asked regarding the letter sent by Police Chief Ray Allen, expressing his displeasure and demanding to know if there had been any failure in the proper performance of their duties by members of the police department, said that he did not want to enter into any controversy with local officials.

"My statement with regard to cooperation with local police was broader than that," he said. "I said I would not cooperate with any police department that was corrupt, inefficient, or publicity mad. As to the conduct of the Toledo police department, the chief of police is in a much better position to know about that than I am."

Hoover then switched the subject to Sheriff O'Reilly, who admitted yesterday that he had known Campbell for six months under the name of Bob Miller but did not know that Miller was the notorious Karpis gangster.

Won't Comment

"As to your sheriff, he already has admitted associating with this man Campbell for some time when Campbell's pictures were plastered on every wall in the country," said Hoover. "It seems to me that anyone could have recognized him from that picture."

Asked if he intended to take any action against any Toledo official, Hoover replied that "our men intend to prose-

cute anyone found aiding, abetting, or harboring any member of this gang." He did not disclose if he had anyone in mind in that statement.

Hoover was asked if any arrests could be expected soon, but merely remarked that the investigation is going forward now and he could not comment.

The G-men chief then left Washington on a mysterious mission. He would not say what city was his destination although it was reported it was New York. The only information was that he did not expect to return for a week. Neither would he disclose whether he was making his mysterious journey by train or plane.

Police Chief Allen today ordered a searching investigation of the Toledo police department to learn if any members knew Campbell. The order was issued immediately after

Chief Allen held a conference with John N. Edy, city manager.

Chief Allen called into his office Joseph Fruchey, recently appointed inspector of detectives and ordered him to make the investigation. Fruchey will talk to various individuals and attempt to determine if there has been any complicity.

Allen Issues Challenge to Hoover

Allen also made a formal challenge to Hoover to produce whatever information he has, if any, indicating a laxity in the performance of duty of the department.

The order and challenge followed reports that sensational developments affecting high Toledo officials and others, suspected by the G-men of having aided the Alvin Karpis gang of kidnapers to escape arrest for months are expected momentarily.

Campbell and his wife were captured in a raid on their apartment at 2132 Monroe street by G-men headed by Hoover in person, at dawn yesterday. Two hours later the same agents went to a house in the 400 block of Arcadia avenue and arrested Sam Coker, western desperado and parole violator.

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Sweeping Probe Promised

Announcement of the probe and issuance of the challenge followed reports that Campbell was harbored, aided or protected during the six months in which he remained in concealment here while federal agents scoured the nation in search of him.

Allen said the investigation will be sweeping and every person who might have any information bearing on Campbell's activities will be quizzed. This will include persons who live in the vicinity of the Campbell flat.

Chief Allen's challenge to Hoover was terse:

"If the federal agents have anything on the department or anyone in it, I'd certainly like to know what it is—let them produce it."

Mr. Edy refused to comment on the conference with Allen but it was obvious he was nettled by the reports that Toledo officials may be involved in the Campbell developments.

Campbell's wife was returned here early today by G-men from Cleveland.

Disclosure that Sheriff O'Reilly had been acquainted with the notorious Campbell for five months but believed him to be a Bob Miller, contractor, startled the city last night. O'Reilly refused to accede to demands that he resign.

Sudden Move Is Expected

Also the report that federal agents have had a Toledo disorderly resort keeper in custody for two weeks grilling her regarding what she knows about Campbell's activities and his possible connections with Toledo officials, police or county, during his concealment here, gave officialdom a perceptible case of the jitters last night and today. The underworld seethed with rumors.

Everyone expects the agents to move just as suddenly and with just as devastating results as they did yesterday when they do decide to go into action again.

The great secrecy with which they have been able to surround their movements since their arrival here and the sudden disclosure that Campbell had been living within a mile of police and county headquarters for five months, stirred Toledoans as nothing else has done

in years. The one question on everyone's lips last night and today was: "What next?"

All day yesterday and far into the night federal agents searched every nook and corner of the Campbell apartment. They spread silver nitrate everywhere seeking fingerprints. What they discovered, if anything, they kept to themselves, but sudden activities shortly after midnight led many to believe they uncovered important clues.

Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, the wife, who was in custody of the federal agents in Cleveland all day yesterday, was returned to Toledo early today.

At 1:40 A. M., two G-men suddenly appeared in the rear of the building containing the Campbell apartment with the young woman. They removed their hands from her arms and permitted her to walk up the rear steps to the flat. There other agents, apparently knowing of her coming, opened the apartment door at her first timid knock and pulled her inside. The two agents who accompanied her disappeared.

When Mrs. Campbell appeared she was carrying two paper bags in her arms, evidently filled with personal things. She was wearing a tan polo coat, and looked tired. The agents brought her in one of their own cars, driving the machine directly into the alleyway and climbing with her up the back porch steps.

Campbell Grilled in St. Paul

Shortly after 2:45 A. M., newspaper photographers were able to get into the apartment, but reporters were frustrated. Mrs. Campbell seated herself on an overstuffed chair in the far corner of the living room. She wore a black dress with a light blue collar, and high pumps. She was red-eyed from crying and in an irritable mood.

Finally she lost her temper and ordered the photographers out. In the meantime the three agents refused to talk to the newspapermen and raced away in a black sedan.

Two of the agents returned to the apartment at 3:50 A. M. The car shrieked to a stop in front of the building and one of the agents jumped out and ran up the front stairs to the apartment.

After being in for a few minutes, all of the agents suddenly left the apartment, dashed down the steps as fast as they could, raced across the sidewalk and leaped into their automobile, which immediately shot away at a fast rate of speed toward the downtown district.

Campbell underwent a grilling in the federal building in St. Paul yesterday afternoon and last night. An effort was being made to learn the names of the Karpis-Barker gang aides—including politicians.

Government officials declined to comment but a Minneapolis newspaper last night said it had learned Karpis furnished the clue that led to his lieutenant's arrest. It is said Karpis interrupted a discussion of his association with Campbell to inquire:

"Who put the finger on me?" "Your pal," an agent was quoted as replying. Soon the agents learned that Campbell could be found in Toledo.

Mr. Hoover yesterday afternoon said that the capture of the gangsters two years ago in Cleveland was frustrated "because they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians." He added:

"We're going to get all who aided that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians."

The federal grand jury in Cleveland is meeting today and from its sessions are expected to come highly important developments bearing on the Toledo situation.

A number of agents are in Cleve-

land and arrests are reported imminent.

Campbell is charged with kidnapping in the Bremer case. U. S. Attorney G. F. Sullivan said that \$500,000 bail would be asked when he is arraigned, probably today.

Unless Campbell pleads guilty he will be tried at the fall term of the federal court in St. Paul for the Bremer kidnapping. Campbell and Karpis will be tried separately.

It was learned late yesterday that when the federal agents took Coker into custody they found \$1,900 in his possession.

The agents found \$2,900 in cash, a pistol, rifle and ammunition in the Campbell apartment. Campbell had the money in a money belt around his waist.

While the agents searched the apartment, apparently unknown to the G-men, five miles away Campbell's home on wheels was reposing in a garage.

The trailer, an expensive piece of equipment, was locked in a garage in the sparsely settled western section of Toledo.

Two weeks ago, Campbell, who made frequent trips in his car with the trailer attached, made a secret visit to the trailer. After depositing a bundle inside, he carefully

locked the vehicle, padlocked the garage, and left.

Trailer Contents Provide Mystery

It is not known definitely what is in the trailer although a person close to the captured gangster said he knew for a certainty that it contained a .45 caliber pistol.

So much a part of his home was the trailer that Campbell even kept his marriage license in a frame on one of the walls.

The trailer was there late this morning when Blade reporters visited the place but the house was locked and no one appeared in answer to knocks.

Those watching the Campbell apartment during the night were curious regarding a coupe, containing two pretty girls, who passed by the hideout four times in three hours. The machine was driven slowly past the flat and the girls apparently were seeking someone.

Coker, who was arrested in a house also occupied by an elderly man and woman suffering from heart ailments, was described by Hoover as "one of our dear parole boys."

Coker, he revealed, was a parolee. The first indication that federal

convict from the Oklahoma penitentiary and still had 18 years more to serve. For that reason, he will be returned to the prison rather than tried for any other crimes.

Coker, it also was learned, was not involved in the \$48,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery charged to the Karpis-Campbell gang but was in Mercy hospital in Toledo at the time.

authorities were preparing to take steps against Toledo officials came late yesterday when Hoover, at a conference in Washington, was quoted in press dispatches as expressing bitterness over actions of high officials in this city. The dispatch added that one official may shortly be charged with giving refuge to a wanted criminal.

Underworld circles were seething today with the report that federal agents had discovered that several influential officials had participated in a card game with Campbell. Enough names were linked with the purported card game to fill several tables.

PLANE ZETZER USED WAS NOT RENTED

Ship Purchased Outright From Toledo Firm.

The plane used by John Zetzer, Port Clinton garage man and airplane pilot, to transport Alvin Karpis, noted gangster, to Arkansas, was purchased and not rented by Zetzer from the Gross Sales & Service Co., 211 Platt street, it was announced today by the company.

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GRILL CAMPBELL ON KIDNAPINGS

G-Men Hope To Get Information on Persons Who Aided Fugitives

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 8 (UP)—Harry Campbell, last of the Barker-Karpis gang, today underwent the same relentless questioning that forced his former leader, Alvin Karpis, to "squeal" on him.

Federal agents intended to pry every bit of information they could from the crippled Karpis aid before giving him up for trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Campbell's admissions, if any, probably will not alter plans to try him in the Bremer case, for which he has been indicted on counts of kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap. Apparently he has not been connected with the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., for which Karpis will be tried.

Seek Gang Tieups.

Agents admittedly hoped to extract from their captives the information necessary for arrest of persons suspected of assisting them in escaping after their crimes.

Agents would not discuss possibilities, but qualified observers believed their next activity in connection with the famous kidnap-murder ring would be to round up persons not directly connected with their crimes but responsible for their success in eluding capture.

Several persons were believed suspected of supplying both Karpis and Campbell with high-powered transportation, secluded hangouts and medical attention.

Trial in Fall Seen.

Karpis broke down under five days of relentless grilling and described Campbell's likely hiding places, including the one in Toledo, where he was captured yesterday. Since he was the last surviving member of the gang, Campbell probably will be questioned mostly about the hangers-on, and crimes in which he has been suspected,

such as the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery.

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This morning the temperature steadily climbed. At 8 A. M. it was 69, but by 1 P. M. it was 84 degrees with every indication it was going to get much warmer. Generally fair and continued warm to night and Saturday, Mr. Weather Man said.

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O'REILLY MUST GO

Lucas county today has a sheriff who for five months has been meeting in friendly fashion one of the most notorious gangsters in the United States. The name of that gangster is Harry Campbell, chief lieutenant of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy Number One.

Lucas county ought not to have that sheriff in office tomorrow. He should resign today. Public decency and the reputation of Toledo demand it. It is the least O'Reilly can do to maintain self respect and whatever respect he is entitled to from the people of Toledo. The reputation of our city demands this action at once.

"I've been drinking beer with Campbell plenty of times," said the sheriff yesterday, "but I never knew who he was. I hadn't seen a picture of him."

And in the meantime a picture of the criminal Campbell had been on the bulletin board in the county jail.

The sheriff says he has seen Campbell about once a week or once in every week or two since last winter.

In the annals of crime—in and out of fiction—is there a tale more amazing, a record more disgraceful than this?

It is said other officers of the law have known Campbell in this city. If so, that will be found out and proved. And then they must follow O'Reilly into retirement.

Unaided by sheriff's office or police, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, flies into Toledo and nabs Campbell. Must Toledo depend upon Hoover to rid this city of notorious crooks while the sheriff drinks his friendly glass of beer with the blackest outlaw of them all?

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Harry Called Good Sport, Cheap Skate by Relatives

Mr. Campbell Apparently Dazzled Some Folks
but Failed to Impress Other
in-Laws.

To the members of the family into which he married, Harry Campbell was both a swell guy and a cheap skate.

The expressions are theirs, for in the garbled domestic life of the Billeter family the captured Public Enemy No. 1 played a two-faced role.

To the father of his wife Gertrude he was a tender and sympathetic soul. He dropped \$25 into his lap one day two months ago when Joseph Billeter was ill in his home at 839 Vinton street. Last Easter he brought Gertrude's father a box of cigars, then took him for a long ride in the country.

Let Henry Billeter, brother of Joseph and owner of the house in which Gertrude's father lives, tell you about the man who took the place of Karpis.

"It's not true," he shouted when a Blade reporter informed him of the real identity of "Robert Miller."

"He was only here a few weeks ago and was the same kindly, quiet, well dressed man who was always solicitous of the family welfare. Why, he used to come to the house with presents, then drive Gertrude and her father out into the country."

He only came at night, however, Mr. Billeter admitted.

Campbell, he said, met Gertrude at a party given at the beer tavern of the Goulets more than a year ago. After a short and hectic courtship, they were married last Memorial Day. According to Henry Billeter, Campbell was an "all-right guy."

But listen to the story told by Joseph Billeter, brother of Gertrude, who lives with his mother at 518 Kopenik avenue. Mrs. Billeter has

been separated from her husband for the last five years.

"I never trusted him," Joseph said. "He never looked me straight in the eye. One day several months ago he offered me a dollar to wash his car. While I was washing it I found a .45 caliber revolver in the front pocket."

"He never would say what his business was, although Gertrude told us he was a contractor. He always seemed to have plenty of money, yet one day when I did a special job on his car and thought it was worth more than the usual dollar, the cheap skate refused to pay additional money."

Joseph, Jr., revealed that Campbell was an enthusiastic fisherman. He made frequent trips to Silver Lake, Mich. Joe made several trips with the newly-weds, still nervous, he admits, for the alleged contractor still carried a pistol in the side pocket of the car. In all his dealings on the trips, Joseph said, the supposed tough guy would haggle over the price of a dinner.

Joe, who works for the Acklin Auto Stamping Co., revealed that the gangster was a temperamental fisherman. He'd give up in disgust if the fish didn't bite immediately.

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Detective Visits Scene of Capture

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Campbell at
Cafe

TALKED OF DOGS

Introduced by Friend;
Never Saw Photo
of Gangster

Sheriff James O'Reilly has known Harry Campbell, captured here by G-Men early yesterday, for several months and has frequently drunk beer with him.

This the sheriff admitted yesterday after the arrest became known. The sheriff knew Campbell as "Bob Miller."

The beer drinking of the sheriff and the gangster took place in the Goulet cafe on Monroe street, which is near the apartment "Miller" and his wife occupied. Miss Esther Goulet, a friend of Campbell's wife, had been the contact between the Goulets, who operate the cafe, and the "Millers."

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The sheriff explained he had a dog which he kept at the Goulet cafe. He said that Fred Goulet, the proprietor, asked him where "Bob Miller" could buy a similar dog. After Campbell bought the dog, he frequently was in the cafe with the dog when the sheriff called there. In this way the two men became acquainted, the sheriff said. Sheriff O'Reilly said he had known Mr. Goulet more than 40 years.

Never Saw Picture

He said he never had seen a picture of Campbell which was on the bulletin board at the county jail. The sheriff said he had always imagined Campbell to be a big man, perhaps six feet tall, whereas in actuality he is only five feet, five inches tall.

There was nothing about "Miller" that aroused his suspicions, the sheriff said. He never really paid much attention to him, the sheriff said, and only passed the time of day when he saw him in the cafe.

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Public Enemies

Every so often another personality is awarded the title of Public Enemy Number One. Capone, Dillinger, Diamond, one by one the wearers of that ignominious label were killed or captured by government G-men.

Early this week Alvin Karpis was captured in New Orleans. His title of Public Enemy No. 1 fell quickly upon the shoulders of William Mahan, Weyerhaeuser kidnaper. Mahan wore his "honor" only a night or so and then, Thursday, swooping down upon his hiding place in San Francisco G-men took him into custody. Public Enemy No. 1 to succeed Mahan has not been named. But whoever he is doesn't matter. Public enemies will continue to bob up until we have learned how to prevent their becoming public enemies. The time to cure public enemies is in the days of childhood when the young brain is impressionable and can be properly directed. Penalty after the criminal has been made is only the antidote. Education is the real preventive.

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G-MEN LOOK ONE WAY, ACT IN ANOTHER

Call it coincidence or careful planning, but here are some curious details about the capture of three of America's leading bad men—Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Mahan:

Word came out of Washington that Karpis was in Boston. Within 24 hours he was captured in New Orleans.

G-men hinted Campbell was being hunted in New Orleans. Less than 24 hours later he was captured in Toledo.

Mahan was reported by G-men as seen in Indio, Southern California, just before he was captured in San Francisco.

Law-enforcement officers pointed out that nothing would be more likely to throw a fugitive off his guard than the news that he was "hunted" several hundred miles away.

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G-MAN CUNNING NETS TWO MORE NOTED GANGSTERS.

Once more J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men have scored heavily against the underworld, two successive captures on Thursday netting them the notorious Harry Campbell, pal of Alvin Karpis, in Toledo, Ohio, and William Mahan, Tacoma kidnaper, in San Francisco.

Campbell's capture, together with two lesser criminals, wipes out the last of the Karpis gang; Mahan's arrest brings to justice the man believed to have been the brains of the gang that kidnaped young George Meyerhauser and secured payment of a ransom of \$200,000 by his anguished parents.

These arrests were not the result of accident but of careful, painstaking detective work at which Hoover's men are growing increasingly proficient. As in the case of Karpis, the federal agents tracked their quarry down and sprung the trap at the right time.

It is significant that, like Karpis, both Campbell and Mahan were captured without the firing of a shot. Under the menacing gun muzzles of the federal agents their vaunted courage vanished and they became the cringing, whining cowards gangsters usually are at heart.

The Campbell capture also disposes of the tradition that gangsters never squeal on each other, for it was Karpis who furnished the tip resulting in the capture of his limping lieutenant.

The nation breathes a sigh of relief that these dangerous men are behind prison bars. All honor to Hoover and his brave G-men for their splendid work!

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Politicians Linked To Karpis Gangsters

ST. PAUL, May 8.—(AP.)—An effort to learn the names of Karpis-Barker gang aides—including politicians—was pressed by federal agents today in questioning Harry Campbell, last of the major members of the mob.

Campbell, seized in Toledo yesterday and rushed here by plane, was interrogated in the Federal Building. Campbell's capture followed a five-day quiz of his confederate, Alvin Karpis, in the same place.

WHOSE FINGER?

Government officials declined to comment, but the Minneapolis Tribune said it had learned Karpis furnished the clue that led to his lieutenant's arrest. It said Karpis interrupted a discussion of his association with Campbell to inquire:

"Who put the finger on me?"

An agent was quoted as replying:

"Your pal."

The apprehension of Campbell followed by less than six days the capture of Karpis in New Orleans.

LINK POLITICIANS

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Justice Department's investigation staff, who participated in both arrests, asserted the capture of the gangsters at Cleveland two years ago was frustrated because "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians." He added:

"We're going to get all who aided that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians."

UNDER \$500,000 BAIL

Hoover made a similar statement here when he brought Karpis to St. Paul by plane from New Orleans last Saturday. He said anyone who had aided the mob in any way would be sought and tried.

Karpis was in the county jail, under \$500,000 bail, awaiting arraignment on five counts based on the abductions of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Campbell is charged with kidnaping in the Bremer case.

The government charged the Karpis-Barker gang engineered both crimes for a \$300,000 ransom total. Campbell's arrest completed the roundup of 25 persons accused of complicity.

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G-MEN CLEAN UP REMNANTS OF GANG MOBS

Swift, Bloodless Raids
Net Big Prizes In
Wanted Criminals

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—Atty. Gen. Cummings jubilantly surveyed the law's cleanup of two kidnap gangs and declared today that "the activity of interstate groups of criminals has been practically broken up."

Federal agents wrote "finish" on the records of the two mobs in a pair of swift, bloodless raids hundreds of miles apart yesterday.

William Mahan, who headed the justice department's list of wanted men, was seized as he sat in his automobile in a San Francisco parking lot at noon yesterday. He was called "the remaining principal" in the \$200,000 kidnaping of nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, heir to a Tacoma, Wash., timber fortune.

LEADS SUNUP RAID

A few hours earlier, J. Edgar Hoover led a squad of his agents in a sunup raid on a Toledo apartment where Harry Campbell, last survivor of the Barker-Karpis mob, was arrested.

Alvin Karpis, erstwhile "public enemy number one," and known as the "brains" of old Kate "Ma" Barker's ring of bank robbers and kidnapers, was captured by Hoover and his men in New Orleans a week ago.

The hunt concentrated today on a lone figure—last kidnaping "public enemy" to remain at large. He is Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., the ex-law clerk accused of kidnaping Mrs. Berry V. Stoll in Louisville, Ky., a year and a half ago, for \$50,000 ransom.

'UNDER CONTROL'

Hoover agreed with Cummings, his chief, that kidnaping and bank robbery are, at last, "under control."

"Bank robbery and kidnaping will always continue to some degree, however," Hoover added quickly.

Cummings said news of the rapid capture of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan was "the most gratifying piece of information I've received for some time," and called the cleanup "a splendid piece of work."

CENTRALIZATION

"This was just another illustration of the need for a mobile force such as our federal bureau of investigation men," he added. "Here we had the splendid spectacle of a highly-trained force striking in quick succession in three places as widely separated as New Orleans, Toledo and San Francisco, and moving effectively to get its man in each case. What could local officers do in a situation like that?"

Those groups of criminals engaged in predatory crimes—especially kidnaping and extortion—had to be broken up. Before we reorganized the federal force, a situation existed in which they were protected merely by moving quickly to get state lines between themselves and the scene of the crime.

Cummings recalled the series of new crime laws and said that "without these new laws, we'd have been powerless in a situation of this kind."

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Politicians Blamed in Kidnapings

G-Men Aim to End Alliance with Underworld

IN CLEVELAND

Weyerhaeuser Abductor
And Karpis Aide Are
Caught in Clean-up

By RUSSELL TURNER
WASHINGTON, May 8. (U.P.)—

An indication that the next major field of the federal government's G-men would be the shadowy connections between dishonest politicians and the underworld was seen today in the jubilant announcement of J. Edgar Hoover that only one of the kidnapers who harrassed the nation for over three years, remains at large.

Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, pressed a federal round-up of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from federal justice, while his agents rushed the two newest public enemies by his department, to justice.

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Weyerhaeuser Kidnaper Held—
In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George Hunt Weyerhaeuser, who was "public enemy No. 1," (or "public rat, No. 1," according to Hoover), during the six days between his capture and that of Alvin Karpis, faced quick arraignment on two long-pending indictments.

In St. Paul, Harry Campbell, 36, last member of the Barker-Karpis gang to remain at large, joined his erstwhile chief, Karpis, in custody. Both face trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, in 1934, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, in 1933.

Remaining at large was Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville, who has retained his liberty so far only because he has no underworld connections and is an expert female impersonator.

Seek "Crooked Politicians"
Hoover revealed that arrests are imminent in the Cleveland, Ohio, area where, he said, mem-

bers of the Barker-Karpis gang had been harbored by persons accepted as respectable in their communities. He intimated that no person who aided any of the recently captured fugitives would escape. He revealed that Campbell and Karpis had escaped captured months ago only because they had been tipped off by crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections.

Hoover again denounced crooked politicians. They were, he said, the real public enemies.

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of one another yesterday—Campbell at dawn in Toledo, Ohio, Mahan at noon in San Francisco. Within a few hours after their arrests, both were in airplanes en route to the scenes of their alleged crimes where they will face the bars of justice.

\$150,000 Recovered

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnaping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and his wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waleys, the G-Men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$55,000 and expect to recover most of the remainder.

Mahan had \$7,000 in his pocket when arrested and in his car \$30,000 more was found. Previously, \$15,000, which he had been forced to abandon with an automobile he had used in his constant fleeing from authorities, was recovered.

Hoover said his bureau would now "work in earnest" on the apprehension of Robinson, who was a Tennessee lawyer before he turned kidnaper and collected \$50,000 from Mrs. Stoll's wealthy husband.

Money Betrays Him

Hoover said Mahan was captured when agents traced the Weyerhaeuser kidnap money which he had been spending freely along the Pacific coast. He had attempted to alter serial numbers on several bills.

Campbell, known as the "right hand man" of Karpis, was carrying \$2,900 in his pocket. In addition to the kidnapings, he was sought for mail robberies and for shooting his way, with Karpis, out of an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel last year.

Hoover hinted that he believed United States postal inspectors had failed to cooperate in apprehension of Campbell.

"I can only say that the department of justice received no help of any kind from the postal inspection service in these cases," he said.

The expected arrest of Robinson will clean the slate of major kidnapers, Hoover said.

The department also plans to "start in in earnest" on fugitives from justice who cross from one state to another, he said. "Then," he added, "there are the jewel and bond rackets that must be broken up."

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G-MEN TO TURN TO POLITICIANS

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By the United Press.

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"We're going to get all who aided that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians."

Mr. Hoover was quoted in an Associated Press dispatch.]

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Two in Bremer; Weyerhaeuser Cases Captured

By The Associated Press

Mahan, wanted as a participant in the kidnaping of nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Wash., last May 24, was captured in San Francisco while seated in a car in a parking lot. He was taken to Tacoma by plane late today.

The Mahan and Campbell captures closely followed the seizure of Karpis, who was taken by Federal agents in New Orleans last Friday night. Karpis is at St. Paul, accused by the government in both the Bremer and William Hamm Jr. kidnappings.

Tonight a single "lone wolf" kidnap suspect remained at large. He is Thomas H. Robinson jr., wanted in the abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, of Louisville, Ky., October 30, 1934.

The sum of \$7,300 was found on Mahan, Mr. Hoover said, adding that part of this was Weyerhaeuser ransom money. The serial numbers on the ransom money had been altered, but the Bureau of Investigation chief said the experts of his bureau had been able to identify other altered bills which agents had picked up in following Mahan's trail despite attempts to obliterate the numbers. An additional \$19,000 was recovered from

Herman Metz Waley is serving forty-five years in the Federal Penitentiary on Alcatraz Island, Calif., for the crime, and his wife, Margaret Thulin Waley, is serving twenty years in a detention farm at Milan, Mich.

Two women, a girl called "Ruth Robinson," arrested with Karpis, and the twenty-year-old wife of Campbell, arrested with him, were released, not charged with any offense. Campbell married the girl about a year ago in Bowling Green, Ohio, Mr. Hoover said. That was only a few months after Campbell's companion, Winona Burdette, had been captured by police after Campbell and Karpis fled an Atlantic City hotel. The Burdette woman and Dolores Delaney, Karpis's companion, both were sentenced to five years at Milan, Mich., for harboring the criminals.

"You led the (Karpis) raid in NEW

Mr. Hoover gave out little information about the capture of Mahan, whose real name is William Dainard. The kidnap suspect had been hunted up and down the West Coast and into the Pacific Northwest by Federal agents and police for nearly a year.

Federal agents took up the Mahan trail in earnest when Waley named him as a co-conspirator. Soon after the Waleys confessed, a Butte, Mont., policeman saw Mahan flee from his parked green sedan, and \$15,000 of the ransom bills were found in the car.

Kidnaped a Year Ago, 5-Year-Old Hasn't Even a Bodyguard

TACOMA, May 7 (AP).—George Weyerhaeuser, for whose kidnaping a year ago William Mahan was arrested in San Francisco today, has lived the life of a normal boy since his ransom-
ing. With the exception of a change of residence, the Weyerhaeuser family has given no outward evidence of a change in its method of life.

Within a few weeks after he was returned, the sturdy Tacoma five-year-old was following his usual habits, walking about the city without bodyguards and playing with neighborhood children as he had before the abduction. When the school term opened last fall he re-entered Lowell School.

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JUSTICES FOOLED BY SYMPATHY

THE law, ever relentless toward the modern gangster, has been lenient with his woman. Too lenient, points out Courtney Ryley Cooper, famed criminologist and writer, in this final installment of his series on the Public Enemies of the Day. He reveals here how the misplaced "loyalty" of the killers' consorts has brought them to widowhood and death.

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WOMEN BIG AID TO CRIMINALS

By COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER

CHAPTER VI.

There are several outstanding features about various criminal careers. One is the steadily recurrent manner in which prohibition played its part in the aggrandizement of crime.

Another point is that many of these men went to prison for minor offenses and came out ready for the worst of outrages. Therefore the prison system, as demanded by society, stands indicted of having created crime instead of reducing it.

In not a single case did Frank Nash and his comrades serve their maximum sentences; the citizen forgets time off for good behavior and all the other benefits by which a prison term is cut. In many instances, there was clemency of some sort, either by parole or from the bench. In the careers of the women, suspended and probationary sentences were the rule, rather than the exception.

THE FEMALE

Sometime, perhaps, it will penetrate the average citizen's mind that women can be greater criminals than men, that they are the lifeblood of the men, the means of contact, the electric current by which the males receive the power with which to commit their crimes. There is no greater idiocy than the present attitude of sympathy which allows criminal women to be freed so that they can either warn remaining members of gangs or tie up with other crooks and thus pursue their careers.

In all my study of the records of criminals, I have yet to find the honest, upright woman who becomes the paramour of a confirmed lawbreaker. She knows as much as he, and her plea of innocence, so often successful, is merely a subterfuge. Why she should be protected simply because she wears skirts or because she bears illegitimate children, all too often the spawn of of murderers, throat-cutters, kidnapers, bank robbers, confidence men and other forms of wretchedness, is beyond my understanding.

The examples are endless. Evelyn Frechette said a weeping goodbye to Welton Sparks, whom she married in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, before he went to Leavenworth Penitentiary for post office robbery, only that she might pick up with John Dillinger and become

one of his great aids in eluding the law.

Tommy Carroll's woman, Mrs. Edward A. Crompton, was given clemency immediately after the affair at Manitowish, Wisconsin, in which Special Agent W. Carter Baum was killed by Baby Face Nelson. She had put on the old, old innocent act and made it convincing.

Less than two weeks later, law-enforcement officers killed Tommy Carroll at Waterloo, Iowa, and the woman who screamed and fought to reach his bloody body was Mrs. Edward A. Crompton. Once out of court, she made a bee line for her crook consort.

Mrs. Lester Gillis, wife of Baby Face Nelson, also was given her freedom on a probationary sentence because she was a woman. She waited only until Baby Face established contact with her and then was away again. This woman was the mother of two children; perhaps that was why leniency was shown in her case. The records display no effort on her part to go to those children.

Instead, at the first possible moment, she hurried back into the company of the baby-faced rat whose bravery consisted of shooting before somebody could fire toward him, and she was with him in the final battle when he was killed. She went to prison as the result of that, sullen, defiant, still a "gang moll."

Marie Conforti was in the same crowd; she was Homer Van Meter's woman. She, too, went to her man at the first possible opportunity after she had been released and she remained with him until the day he was killed. Some of these women had been given their chance before. Frechette was arrested with Dillinger in Tucson and freed there. So was Conforti.

The truth is that police, district attorneys and even judges know that the excuse of innocence used so effectively by this type of wo-

Causes Trouble



(International)

Although she is only a 15-year-old, freckled kid, Mrs. Phyllis Siler, the youngest inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, has been causing trouble there since her incarceration. She escaped from the institution once but was recaptured 36 hours later. Her husband is in the same prison, awaiting execution.

man is only a ruse. Police free them because they feel district attorneys will not file charges against them. District attorneys free them because they know that a jury won't convict. And judges give clemency because public opinion demands it.

So, just like everything else, the blame settles right back to where it belongs—at the feet of you who happen to be reading this story.

Thus, with all obeisance to chivalry, it must be repeated that women in crime are highly dangerous animals. They do not desire any other life. They do not merely dip into a criminal career, but pursue it with all the desperate fervor exhibited by the most dangerous of their consorts.

As for the men concerned, Frank Nash received clemency twice—once for a murder charge and once for bank robbery. Doc Parker was paroled from a life sentence after he had escaped twice from cap-

tivity and had been convicted of murder. Alvin Karpis received clemency. Baby Face Nelson had been paroled twice. THE END.

Tipsters Next On G-Men's List

Hoover After "Respectables" Who Gave Aid to Public Enemies

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Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, pressed a federal roundup of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from federal justice, while his agents rushed to justice the two newest public enemies captured by his department.

In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George H. Weyerhaeuser, who was "Public Enemy No. 1" (or "Public Rat No.

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Hoover again denounced crooked politicians. They were, he said, the real public enemies.

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of one another yesterday—Campbell at dawn in Toledo, O., Mahan at noon in San Francisco. Within a few hours after their arrests, both were in airplanes en route to the scenes of their alleged crimes, where they will face the bars of justice.

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnaping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and Waley's wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waleys, the G-men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$35,000 and expect to recover most of the remainder.

Mahan had \$7,000 on him when arrested and in his car more was found. Previous to which he had been forced to with an automobile he had his constant fleeing from a had been recovered.

Hoover said his bureau was "work in earnest" on the sion of Robinson, who was neesee lawyer before he tu naper and collected \$50,000 Stoll's husband.

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Campbell, known as the hand man" of Karpis, was \$2,900 in his pockets. In to the kidnaping, he was a mail robberies and for she way, with Karpis, out of kentic City hotel last ye The department also plan in "in earnest" on fugitives the who cross from one st other, Hoover said. "Then," he added, "there are the jewel and bond rackets that must be broken up."

Relentless Grilling

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UP)—Harry Campbell, last of the Barker-Karpis gang, underwent the same relentless questioning today that forced his former leader, Alvin Karpis, to "squeal" on Campbell.

Federal agents intended to pry every bit of information they could from the crippled Karpis aide before giving him up for trial. Agents admittedly hoped to extract from their captives the information necessary for arrest of persons suspected of assisting them in escaping after their crimes.

TACOMA, Wash. (UP)—William Mahan was held under heavy guard in a federal cell at the City Police Station today awaiting arraignment on charges of kidnaping George H. Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom. Brought here by plane from San Francisco yesterday, he is under in dictment on charges of kidnaping and extortion, with bail set at \$100,000 on each charge.

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Is His Face Red?

TOLEDO, O. (UP)—Sheriff James O'Reilly revealed today he frequently drank beer with Harry Campbell, fugitive desperado captured by G-men yesterday. O'Reilly said he thought Campbell was "Bob Miller," the name he used during the months he was hiding here.

"I saw him once or twice a week at a restaurant," O'Reilly said. "We often drank beer together and talked about baseball."

WASHINGTON (UP)—J. Edgar Hoover said today "It seems to me anyone could have recognized Harry Campbell from his pictures, which were plastered on nearly every wall in the country."

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X Faded Gangsterism

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trick next door, on the capture of Alvin
Karpis:

"He was one of the Capone boys,
wasn't he?"

"Funny, but I'd never heard of him.
I guess I don't read the papers enough."

"Oh, I know. He was that man that
made snakes bite his wife."

By these and other signs, gangsterism is los-
ing its public. All Americans and half Eu-
rope knew who Capone was. Volinger's star
was somewhat less gaudy, faded unstead-
ily. Karpis in turn became Public Enemy
No. 1. But more Americans knew the title
than the name of the man who held it.
And those of you who can speak up, prompt-
ly, the name of the No. 1 who succeeded
Karpis may have the rest of the day off.

We read that Capone may now get out
of Alcatraz on a legal technicality. If he
does he will find himself in a changed
world. Things will never be the same
him as in The Good Old Days.

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Their Job Almost Completed.

Arrest of William Mahan, kidnaper of the Weyerhaeuser boy, and Harry Campbell, last of the Karpis gang and one of those alleged to have taken part in the Edward Bremer kidnaping, by Department of Justice agents, almost completes the job of rounding up all those participating in three sensational crimes of this type that startled the country a year or so back.

There remains to be taken only Thomas Robinson, kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll. It is possible that the G-men have some line even on this elusive person who has not been heard from since he slipped away from the officers in Indianapolis. Robinson would have been captured then, but the officers were more concerned with the safety of Mrs. Stoll than they were with the arrest of the kidnaper on that particular occasion.

Within a short time, Mahan, Campbell and Alvin Karpis, the latter arrested in New Orleans last week, will be brought to trial in various parts of the country.

These three arrests have been brought about through the methodical following of the faint trails left by the criminals. Evidently it was discouraging work, but the agents assigned to each case, failing to make contact in one instance, patiently stuck to the job until they could pick up the trail again. Their quarry kept constantly on the move; many miles separated each stopping place and none took the chance of trying to get in touch with former associates.

That Mahan got away with a large part of the Weyerhaeuser ransom money was indicated by the fact that he carried more than seven thousand dollars when he was arrested. He abandoned fifteen thousand dollars when he escaped officers in Butte last June. His associates, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Waley, have been in prison for nearly a year, the former under a life sentence.

It is an excellent thing for the country that these kidnapers have been rounded up. When Robinson is captured—as he surely will be if still alive—the Department of Justice can point to a record showing every known kidnaper either dead or serving a long term of imprisonment. That record should impress every citizen.

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"G" STANDS FOR GET

The last remnant of the notorious Karpis-Barber gang was wiped out yesterday with the arrest in Toledo, O., of Harry Campbell, reputed brains of the mob.

Like the Karpis seizure of last week in New Orleans, Campbell was taken without a shot being fired. The same held true in the arrest of William Mahan, Weyerhauser abductor, in San Francisco yesterday afternoon—which climaxed an excellent day's work by federal agents. Underworld chieftains are not so tough, after all, particularly when the odds are against them. Perhaps they remember the inglorious finish that was Dillinger's.

The cleanup of this gang is a distinct credit to America's G-Men. Most of the members of the lawless outfit were among the most notorious desperadoes to come out of the southwest in 10 years. Behind a gun these men were courageous overlords. In front of the guns of the law, however, they were cringing cowards. In the language of the street, they could "give it," but they couldn't "take it."

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Crime Doesn't Pay

THE telling message of J. Edgar Hoover and his merry men stands at the head of the matter of cleaning up the Karpis-Barker gang. Such a feat is required by the public, and the too little swank.

Think what one of H. D. Lee's posse did for him do with a performance so real and so complete. Duty so fine an opportunity to him has been passed up. For it cannot be too strongly emphasized that law and order won. The worst of the complaint that crime is overplayed and overblasted is to spread the antidote.

Not the gangster is the hero but the G-men. It used to be that, to stress the old text which told how the way of the transgressor is hard, was enough. Better by far to prove to demonstration that crime doesn't pay, better to drive home the far more profitable it is to be a good citizen than a bad one.

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Then, cowering in prison, he gave the information which betrayed to the G-men Harry Campbell, last important member of the Karpis gang still at large.

And there are people who still talk about honor among thieves and romantic, daring bandits!

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Lowdown ~~as a~~ Lowlife—When the G-whizzers finally shackled Alvin Karpis, they took a 5-karat diamond ring from him . . . "That's the only honest thing I own," he said. "Please put it away for my son until he gets big" . . . The G-men asked Karpis if he had any affection for the boy . . . "How can you love something you've never seen?" he countered . . . "He will never have to worry," continued Karpis, "and I've seen to it that Dolores Delaney won't worry for the rest of her life when she gets

out, too!" . . . Miss Delaney is now doing time for harboring Karpis—she is the mother of the baby, now with his folks in Chicago . . . This "human" touch impressed his captors, but Karpis bonered when he indicated that he had a cache of wealth some place. . . . If they find it, it will be confiscated.

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Winning the Crime War

The capture of Alvin Karpis is followed with dramatic swiftness by the arrest of Harry Campbell, called the "last of the Karpis gang," and of William Mahan, wanted in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping at Tacoma, Wash., last May.

The "G-Men" are staying in the limelight, and with justification. The most concerted front against big time crime in history has been made during the past two years. A wave of kidnaping signalized by the Lindbergh atrocity has been halted. Bank holdups, the lucrative financing measures of criminal gangs, have been put in half. Public enemies have either been put out of the way or behind bars. And the war goes on.

From time to time certain intimations of jealousy are expressed toward the department of justice agents for the way they are claiming the lion's share of publicity. Quite possibly the "G-Men" are being idolized excessively in the movies and comic strips and news dispatches. But one inescapable fact remains: they are getting results.

The true united front against crime, however, can come only thru concerted endeavor on the part of every agency of law and public protection, ranging all the way from local police and sheriff's forces thru state patrols and the federal officers, each acting in its own appropriate sphere and working closely and harmoniously together. All are agents of the people.

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BELL—Sam Coker, minor figure
of gangland, arrested by federal
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is wanted in Oklahoma for the
violation of a parole on a 30-year
sentence for bank robbery.

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SWIFT ACTION BY UNCLE SAM—Harry Campbell, right hand man to Alvin Karpis, is shown as federal agents escorted him in double quick time to the federal building in St. Paul, where he and Karpis are charged with the Edward Bremer kidnaping. Campbell is the second from the right, his hands manacled. He was arrested in Toledo yesterday and taken by plane to the Minnesota city.

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Bagging Public Enemies

Uncle Sam's G-men are bagging the bad men in pairs. Two were taken into custody yesterday in the widely separated cities of Toledo and San Francisco. In the Ohio city, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, led a foray that surprised and captured Harry Campbell, much sought member of the Karpis gang. Out on the coast, another party of G-men nabbed William Mahan, bandit and kidnaper, wanted in connection with the Weyerhaeuser "snatch."

Landing the "big boys" of the crime world is getting to be all in a day's work for Director Hoover and his men. Last week they closed in on a well known public enemy, Alvin Karpis, in New Orleans. The last member of that desperado's gang is accounted for in the arrest of Campbell. It is getting around to the point where the G-men's exploits may excite no more public interest than flying the Atlantic. In fact, Mr. Hoover and his men, in conformity to the Dana rule of the man biting the dog, will have to miss a gangster every now and then to attract attention.

The decent, law-abiding citizenship of America thrills to the success of this efficient arm of the federal government. The G-men are making crime a dangerous business in every part of the union. Eventually, we may cease to be known as the most criminal of "civilized" nations.

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ALLAN C. BARTLETT
EDITOR -

All Right, Mr. Hoover, but Whom Shall We Call Public Rat No. 1?

By United Press
CLEVELAND, May 7.—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would like to have the nation's most notorious criminal referred to as "Public Rat No. 1."

"Criminals are very vain," he told newsmen in announcing the capture of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis-Barker gang. "They like to be called 'Public Enemy No. 1.' I wish newspapers would start calling them 'public rats.'"

He "promoted" William Mahan to Public Rat No. 1. About three hours later Mahan was captured in San Francisco.

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G-MEN'S FIELD DAY.

"We have the last of the Karpis gang," J. Edgar Hoover reported Thursday morning, shortly after the capture of Harry Campbell. The Campbell story was still "news" when press associations proclaimed the end of William Mahan's crime career. Mahan, wanted for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, was "nabbed" in San Francisco Thursday afternoon.

Thus within seven days federal agents carved three notches in their belts—Karpis, Campbell and Mahan, all taken alive.

About two weeks ago the federal crime fighters stood an attack in the senate and the house. The senate appropriations committee began to chip down the bureau of investigation's annual allotment. Senator Vandenberg, heading a small array of disgruntled senate colleagues, denounced the committee's tactics. J. Edgar Hoover finally got what he wanted after much needless huckstering.

During the senate debate Senator McKellar objected to allowing federal officers to go about the country heavily armed. "I doubt very much whether you ought to have a law that permits you to go around the country armed as an army would and shoot down all people that you suspect of being criminals, or such as you suspect of having guns, and having your own men shot down," the senator told Hoover.

The Karpis, Campbell and Mahan captures prove beyond doubt G-men are not the "shootin' fools" the senator depicted them.

He likewise objected to glowing publicity which surrounds the bureau of investigation's exploits. Undoubtedly much movie romance recently forced upon theater patrons is nothing more than Hollywood ballyhoo. But until Hoover's active anti-crime regime the Dillinger and Karpis mobs shot their way from one end of the country to the other. Half-hearted efforts of local officers to end those murderous careers were useless, worse than futile. Only with the coming of federal government support did the battle turn in the law's favor.

Whenever local tipsters have aided federal manhunts, Hoover has acknowledged it. He has also been liberal with criticism when necessary. His G-men have made themselves the backbone of the United States law enforcement system against major crime, in spite of local political barriers which they have been forced to overcome. Other government officials, and some senators, may resent G-man publicity, but the federal agent has earned praise honestly by dint of a smashing, fearless drive against public enemies. He gets results. That's what the public still appears to want.

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Arrest of Campbell and Mahan, soon after the seizure of Alvin Karpis, demonstrates to the criminal and to the public alike that J. Edgar Hoover's Federal "G-men," like Canada's justly renowned Royal Northwest Mounted, get their man. It also should furnish a wilting retort to those two-by-four Congressmen who in recent weeks have undertaken to belittle the achievements of Mr. Hoover and his efficient officers.

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Scratch Two More Names Off Federal List

J. EDGAR HOOVER would like to have notorious criminals hereafter referred to as "Public Rat No. 1."

Reason: They are flattered by being called "public enemy." It seems these elegants of the underworld are vain.

Two more names have been scratched off the federal list in the series of sensational arrests from New Orleans to San Francisco. Harry Campbell, the last of the Karpis-Barker gang, and William Mahan, kidnaper of George Weyerhaeuser, were taken by the G-men in the round-up of criminals which occurred with breath-taking speed.

This leaves only Thomas G. Robinson, jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll, still uncaught. When he is taken into custody the slate on the kidnaping epidemic will be wiped clean.

Few ever imagined that the Justice department would be able to make such a perfect record. Due credit has been given for the good work it has done from the first, but the relentlessness of the agents in not being satisfied with anything but complete success is a surprise to the country.

This will go far toward stamping out crime.

The public, recovering from its surprise is just becoming aware of its pride in such an efficient agency of law enforcement.

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Campbell also was taken alive. According to the hardboiled J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau of investigation, Karpis, Campbell and his kind are psychologically cowards and "wilt" when they realize that the arresting officers mean business.

Strange, since the head of the "G" men feels this way that he considered it necessary in the past to shoot on sight, often injuring innocent bystanders and always eliminating the possibility of obtaining further information from prisoners taken alive.

This fellow Hoover is a good cop and deserves credit for the way in which he has directed the nationwide search for public menaces. If he'd only stop posing as an authority on criminology and penology before women's clubs and would content himself with his job as Federal Detective No. 1 he'd deserve the appellation of "great."

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— HAVE CRIME ON RUN —

ALVIN KARPIS may or may not have been Public Enemy No. 1—the G-men say he wasn't so far as they're concerned—but he is unquestionably a thoroughly dangerous crook. His arrest by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is another feather in the much be-feathered cap of that remarkable organization.

It also is gratifying to note that the arrest was accomplished without the firing of a shot, so thorough and secret had been the preparations of the federal agents. In fact so quiet had the whole affair been kept that officials of the bureau in Washington got their first information that an arrest had been planned from the men on the scene in New Orleans.

Quite aside from its spectacular elimination of a series of dangerous criminals, the Federal Bureau, under Mr. Hoover's direction, has been instrumental in restoring public confidence in the strength and length of Uncle Sam's traditionally long arm.

It is clear that more and more an aroused public opinion, acting through police departments of many sorts, has crime on the run in this country. Professional crime of the Dillinger-Hamilton-Nelson-Karpis school is becoming too risky. Men and women of the underworld have come to dread and fear this remorselessly efficient machine which has been built in Washington for their destruction. That is a good frame of mind to maintain.

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Only Witness of Capture by G-Men



MRS. GENEVIEVE FOSNAUGHT.
Who lived across the hall from
Harry Campbell, last of the Kar-
pis gang, in Toledo, was awaken-
ed by a disturbance in the hall.
She opened the door in time to
see federal agents take out Camp-
bell, a woman companion and an-
other man. No other occupants
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GRILL CAMPBELL AND MAHAN

Hoover to Decide Fate of 'Egoist'

International News Service Wire
TACOMA, Wash., May 8. — Curious crowds swarmed about the Tacoma police station today in a vain attempt to get a glimpse of William Mahan, captured "Egoist" kidnaper of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser.

There was no disorder. The crowds heard rumors Mahan had confessed, but no verification was forthcoming from the tight-lipped G-men who whisked Mahan here by plane from San Francisco, where they captured him yesterday.

Mahan was overpowered by G-men in San Francisco while parking his automobile. More than \$7,300 in bills were found on Mahan, part of the \$200,000 ransom paid by Weyerhaeuser's parents.

Mahan was still manacled in the federal "tank"—an isolated cell in the local police station.

HUNT 4TH KIDNAPER

The youthful, but grim government agents, lost no time in hurrying their handcuffed and chained prisoner to a waiting automobile.

The machine started at a moderate rate of speed. There was no fanfare in the departure. No siren screeched. The G-Men headed directly for the Tacoma police station and there delivered Mahan with instructions to the night desk sergeant to "hold this prisoner for the United States marshal."

International News Service was informed by an authentic source, the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping case is not yet completely solved. The informant stated federal authorities still believe a fourth person was connected with the crime.

It was recalled at the same time Mahan and Harmon and Margaret Waley were charged with the kidnaping of the Weyerhaeuser boy, a "John Doe" was indicted.

Mahan was smooth shaven when arrested and his hair was its natural dark auburn hue. Federal agents' belief Mahan would dye his hair with a dye he was known to favor led to many false alarms in the nationwide hunt for the criminal.

Although all officials concerned refused to comment, it was believed Mahan would be arraigned today before Federal Judge E. E. Cushman, who sentenced Harmon Waley to 45 years in prison and his wife to 20 years under the same charge.

The life of Mahan is in the hands of Hoover.

County Prosecutor Harry Johnson told International News Service he will acquiesce to department of justice wishes regarding prosecution of the kidnaper.

If federal authorities decide to turn Mahan over to state authorities he faces the death penalty.

If Mahan is prosecuted under federal law he may escape the noose as his little victim was returned unharmed following payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Federal Agents Seeking 'Leaks'

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 8. — The long criminal career of Harry "Lumpy" Campbell was being probed by department of justice agents here today.

Campbell was being kept in an anteroom at the G-men's headquarters pending removal to Ramsey County jail to await arraignment with his pal Alvin "Old Creepy" Karpis, for the abduction of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul businessmen.

Karpis, captured a week ago in New Orleans, was questioned more than 100 hours before being admitted to \$500,000 bail. Unable to provide bail he was placed in virtual "solitary" in the "escape-proof" jail.

United States District Attorney George Sullivan announced bail of \$500,000 would also be asked for Campbell.

Announcement of wholesale arrests of Barker-Karpis gang camp followers was expected hourly. Although federal agents, following their usual procedure, were mum concerning the information elicited from Karpis and the questions being fired at Campbell, it was learned during the Karpis quiz they were seeking information concerning "leaks" that enabled the public enemies to follow every move in the investigations of the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

On at least two occasions, it was learned, the kidnapers were given "inside" information that enabled them to slip away when almost within the grasp of the federal investigators.

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G-MEN GRILL CAMPBELL IN CELL

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ment on the rumor information elicited from Karpis had led to the capture of Campbell in Toledo yesterday.

Campbell, apparently, is in for a similar grilling, as the department of justice announced following his capture its intention "to get all those who have aided and abetted or harbored" the Barker-Karpis gang—"the doctors, lawyers and politicians."

CAUGHT WITH GIRL, 15

On his arrival here in a plane from Toledo, where he was nabbed in a bloodless coup staged and led by J. Edgar Hoover, Campbell was circled by "G" men and hustled to an automobile which sped him to the federal building.

Campbell was the last fugitive of the 25 persons accused by the department of justice of participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer.

Caught in the federal agents' net with the long-sought limping outlaw was a 15-year-old girl, who claimed to be his wife. But, according to department of justice agents, the girl, who was married to Campbell in Bowling Green, O., in May, 1935, is only 15 years old.

Hoover and his men also captured Sam Coker, minor member of the gang and an Oklahoma parole violator, a few blocks from the apartment where Campbell, going under the name of Bob Miller, lived with his juvenile bride.

SHOWS LITTLE FIGHT

The G-men walked to the door of an apartment in Toledo, knocked and commanded:

"Open up the door, or there'll be trouble."

The door was opened by Campbell's wife and the government men piled in, their sawed-off shot guns and pistols in readiness. Hoover said later:

"He put up a little resistance, but it was nothing to speak of. These fellows are all yellow, you know."

The federal agents then went directly to the house where Coker was hiding out and took him, also without firing a shot. In this they were duplicating their record in New Orleans when they captured Karpis, his criminal associate, Fred Hunter, and a girl known as "Ruth Robinson" without being forced to use weapons.

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G-Men Get Campbell and Mahan in Single Day's Cleanup of Bremer and Weyerhaeuser Kidnap Cases

Caught in Federal Net



WILLIAM MAHAN



—Associated Press Wirephoto.
HARRY CAMPBELL

Karpis Aide Disarmed Leaving Toledo Hideout

*Tacoma Suspect Taken with Ransom
Bills in San Francisco; 3 Out of 4
Fugitives Caught in a Week*

WASHINGTON, May 7—In two swift and bloodless raids, Justice Department agents, working more than half the width of the Nation apart, today arrested William Mahan and Harry Campbell and wiped the slate of unapprehended major criminals almost clean.

Mahan, named as one of the kidnapers of little George Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma (Wash.) lumber heir, was captured in San Francisco, and headed by plane for Tacoma.

Only a few hours before, Campbell, long-sought "limping pal" of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was seized in an early-morning raid at Toledo by another band of G-men led by the chief of the Federal agents, J. Edgar Hoover. Campbell was whisked by air to St. Paul to be grilled about the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping and a long list of other robberies and kidnapings.

With the two arrests today, three of the four remaining notorious criminals sought by the Government had been rounded up in less than a week. Karpis was caught in New Orleans last Friday by G-men also led by Hoover personally.

The one important fugitive still at large tonight was Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., "lone-wolf" kidnaper, wanted for the abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville society leader.

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The dramatic news of Mahan's capture was equaled only by the manner in which it was announced by Hoover.

The head G-man had rushed by airplane to Toledo last night on word that Campbell had been located there. At dawn he led the party of Federal agents that arrested the Karpis gangster without the firing of a shot.

After bundling Campbell on a heavily-guarded plane and starting him back to St. Paul, Hoover took to the air again and returned to Washington.

Announcement Is Dramatic

His office announced that he would grant a special press conference in his offices in the massive Pennsylvania Ave. Department of Justice Building.

Reporters trooped into the office. Hoover, smiling and affable, presented a detailed picture of the capture of Campbell. When the story had been told, a reporter spoke up:

"All right, Mr. Hoover, you got Karpis and Campbell. What about Mahan?"

"Oh, yes, gentlemen," said Hoover, smiling. "There was something I hadn't mentioned. We got Mahan today, too, in San Francisco."

Mahan, hunted nearly a year for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, was captured in an automobile at a parking lot in San Francisco. Although he was armed, Federal agents, led by twenty-eight-year-old Wayne Listerman, one of the youngest in the service, gave him no chance to draw a gun.

The Government agents who seized the accused abductor, hurried him to the nearby Federal Building. Late today a plane bearing Mahan took off headed north, presumably for Tacoma.

Hoover announced that Mahan readily admitted his identity but refused to admit kidnaping the Weyerhaeuser boy on May 24, 1935.

"He didn't need to confess," Hoover commented. "We've got enough to convict him."

Ransom Cash Found on Him

Hoover said that his agents tracked Mahan by following a trail of ransom bills on which the serial numbers had been altered. After his arrest today Mahan yielded \$20,300 of the ransom money.

Another \$15,000 was recovered from a car he abandoned in Butte, Mont., last year, but nothing was said of the rest of the \$100,000 Mahan supposedly got from the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping. Nearly \$65,000 was unaccounted for.

Herman M. Waley and his wife Margaret already are serving long terms for their part in the Tacoma kidnaping.

Campbell's capture at Toledo was almost a copy of that of his erstwhile gang chief, Karpis. Campbell was the last uncaught principal of the Barker-Karpis gang, which spread terror through large sections of the Midwest.

Not a trigger was squeezed as Government officers led by Hoover closed in on the only remaining fugitive from the 25 persons accused of implication in the \$200,000 abduction of Bremer in 1934.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," said Hoover, intimating that his quarry reached for his

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gun. But the heavily-armed Federal men who had surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night pounced on the long-sought limping outlaw this morning as he emerged and snatched his .45 caliber pistol from his pocket.

Hoover's men shackled their prisoner with leg irons and handcuffs, hurried him to a chartered "flying patrol wagon" and rushed him to St. Paul with only a ten-minute stop at Chicago Municipal Airport en route.

When they arrived in St. Paul, United States District Attorney George Sullivan announced that bail of \$500,000 would be asked for Campbell when he is arraigned on the kidnap charge.

Campbell's twenty-year-old wife and Sam Coker, a minor member of the now broken Karpis-Barker

mob were nabbed also but were not taken to St. Paul with him. Coker was taken in a simultaneous raid on another apartment house in Toledo. The girl was seized with Campbell. She was released later.

The second-floor apartment at 2032 Monroe St., where Campbell was seized, is in a business section on a main thoroughfare about a mile and a half from downtown Toledo. Business places are on the ground floor. Coker was staying in a house on Arcadia Ave., in one of the best sections of the West End.

Hoover revealed that Campbell had been living in Toledo the last five months and had been in and out of the city for the last year and a half. He said that Campbell and Karpis parted after the Garrettsville (O.) mail train robbery last November. Karpis went south and Campbell remained in Ohio.

Karpis and Campbell were the objects of a concerted police chase throughout Michigan in January, 1935, after reports that they had

'Public Rat No. 1'

CLEVELAND, May 7—(U.P.)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would like to have the Nation's most notorious criminals referred to as "Public Rat No. 1."

"Criminals are very vain," he told newsmen in announcing the capture of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis-Barker gang. "They like to be called 'Public Enemy No. 1.' I wish newspapers would start calling them 'Public Rats.'"

been seen driving through the middle and western parts of the State. The gunmen abandoned a stolen auto at Monroe.

Six Federal men, headed by J. Connelley, Cincinnati, escorted Campbell to St. Paul. They, four automobiles of agents of the St. Paul office, rushed from the airport to the Federal building and into the same jail where Karpis, now in the same jail there, was subjected to a grilling this week.

One of the Federal agents hinted that Karpis gave the tip which resulted in Campbell's seizure.

Campbell has a long underworld record ranging, Federal officers said, from vagrancy to bank robbery, kidnaping, and murder.

His first offense was vagrancy Dec. 25, 1920, at Tulsa, Okla., where he paid a \$19 fine and costs. He is wanted on burglary and robbery charges at Tulsa, Joplin, Mo., Hutchinson, Kan., and Stillwater, Okla., the slaying of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa criminal attorney Aug. 19, 1932, and the kidnaping of Bremer, wealthy banker, here two years ago.

Our Little War Goes Well
 Critics of crime news will note that the crime news of late has been of a pretty wholesome sort. There is no glamor over the crime on which attention has been centered these recent days. The story has been one of smashing victories of the law over the rats of lawlessness.

There was the quiet capture of Karpis. Comes now the equally quiet capture of Campbell and of Mahan, Karpis accomplices.

Comes in the same day's reports the complete discomfiture of the ambitious gangsters who made a record for awhile in the robbery of jewelry stores. The police have the robbers now, not to mention a large part of the loot. No time in recent years have major criminals been so completely on the run as they are right now. It looks as if the police of America have at last taken the measure of the gangsters of America.

The kidnaping racket appears to be pretty effectually stamped out. The robbing of banks and stores is less profitable than it has been for years. We even begin to show some speed in the courts. The criminals the police catch can be convicted.

There still remains the mysterious and distressing problem of keeping them in a safe place once the courts have done their work. The parole and pardon still have a way of undoing what the processes of justice up to that point do. Here is G. M. Hoover telling of information that when Karpis and his gang were in a trap in Cleveland in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians." It is hard to believe; but too many cases of partnership between politics and crime have been proved to render the Cleveland suspicion untenable.

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THEY NEVER GIVE UP

One of the things which make federal officers much more feared by the underworld than state officers is the relentlessness with which they go after their man. State authorities as a general rule are inclined to drop a case after a considerable time has elapsed without results being achieved. Other cases occur to demand attention, or a change in officials may be a factor.

The federal government, however, follows the policy of never giving up. Public interest and even the interest of higher officials may wane, but the men in the field have orders to "get their man." This they do with remarkable consistency. The relentlessness of their search is illustrated at present in the capture of Alvin Karpis.

The work of the department of justice agents has been greatly increased since the government undertook to assist the states in the war on kidnapers and other gangsters, and if current proposals are approved there will be yet more work for them to do.

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City Sues to Reduce Wolf's Police Rank

Bernard Wolf's right to his ranking as a lieutenant in the Cleveland police department today was to be contested in common pleas court at the hearing of a taxpayer's suit brought by Law Director Alfred Clum.

The city contends Wolf's promotion by former Safety Director Lavelle Nov. 9, 1935, was illegal because he did not take a civil service examination and there was no eligibility list. His reduction to the rank of sergeant is asked, with a salary cut from \$2,746 to \$2,613 a year.

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G-MEN SCORE AGAIN

The rapid-fire arrests, in Toledo and San Francisco, of two such notorious yeggs as Harry Campbell and William Mahan, so soon after Alvin Karpis stepped into the G-men's net in New Orleans, bring triple credit to J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It goes a long way to prove that kidnaping and other crimes covered by federal statutes are becoming too dangerous for any criminal except a crazy one. There is comfort for all law-abiding citizens in that thought.

Some people say that the G-men are getting too much publicity, are hungry for it. But why bother about underlying motives when the results are so good? President Lincoln once said that if he could find out what brand of whisky made Gen. Grant fight so hard he would send a few kegs of it to some of his other generals. The success of the G-men is always hot news and other crime-fighters can count on the same front-page position whenever they deliver the goods.

In the Karpis-Campbell cleanup the G-men had a great advantage in being able to work in Louisiana and Ohio at the same time. State lines have been friendly to many a criminal escaping from local authorities. The American people are realizing this more and more as Hoover's men get results. They are learning the lesson that the federal government can do many good things for them which state authorities can't. Even the United States Supreme Court should study this lesson.

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GAVE CAMPBELL TIP. MAN HERE REPORTS

W. D. Hollister, 2303 Ohio avenue, WPA assistant in charge of construction of the new school union building at the University of Cincinnati, told The Post Friday he was the source of the Cincinnati tip which led to the arrest of Harry Campbell, recent Public Enemy No. 1. He has written to J. Edgar Hoover, G-man chief, demanding the \$5000 reward, he said.

Mr. Hollister said he saw Campbell with another man and a woman in a Toledo restaurant in January and so informed the Bureau of Investigation here. He saw him again on Cherry street, Toledo, during March and gave this information to Cleveland G-men headquarters, Mr. Hollister said.

W.D. Hollister

KIDNAPING OF BREMER URGED BY 'MA' BARKER

Gang Headed by Alvin Karpis
Yielded to Her Advice; Too
Much Talk Doomed Ziegler

"Ma" Barker, mother of the killer brothers, was a potent influence in the gang headed by Alvin Karpis. Her insistence led to the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, which was to prove the gang's nemesis.

By COURTNEY RILEY
COOPER,

Famous writer and reporter, author
of "10,000 Public Enemies," from
which this series is taken.

CHAPTER IV.

During all the time in which the United States government hunted Frank Nash and the others who followed, the Barker-Karpis gang of outlaws did not lose a member, either through arrest or death.

Always careful, always unobtrusive, always under the watchful eyes of Kate Barker, the mother of Fred and Arthur, this crowd played the resorts when resorts were cool, or knew when to retire.

\$500,000 Loot

By the Autumn of 1933, when Dillinger's crew was beginning to occupy the first pages, the Barker-Karpis members already had garnered nearly \$500,000 from bank robberies and kidnapings.

Moreover, one of the Barker boys met a banker's daughter, who fell in love with him. It may or may not be surprising to that banking family to learn that Shotgun George Ziegler, who now was definitely aligned with the Barker-Karpis mob, later boasted that most of the hot money obtained through a kidnaping was changed into "real" cash through this connection.

A tangle of emotions evidenced itself in the life of Shotgun George.

There were long stretches when he actually would take a land-scaping job, working delightedly upon it. But mostly Shotgun George liked to sit with Mother Barker and listen to her talk about her boys.

Here again was a strange figure of the underworld. Short, hard-featured, fattish, her cheeks loose and sagging, her gray hair always carefully groomed, her brown eyes brilliant and remorseless, yet withal queerly able to present the appearance of a mild old lady, this woman had made a weird success of rearing a criminal spawn.

Her first boy, Arthur, was a murdered, three inches shorter even than his mother, who was five feet six. Then there was Lloyd, who was still in Leavenworth Prison, and finally Freddie, who had helped to kill a policeman while his mother looked on. Alvin Karpis she regarded also as a son; he might have passed for one in his similarity to Arthur except for the difference in age.

'Brains' of Gang

There now were fully twenty-six persons in the gang, counting the hangers-on and the women. Four are now dead, twenty-two are indicted.

Christmastide of 1933 neared. The funds resultant from robberies and kidnapings had become low. But the boys knew where there was a \$200,000 job. A man who had known Edward George Bremer, banker and brewer of St. Paul for more than eight years, was willing to finger him for kidnaping.

On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer was kidnaped, and held in the hideout near Bensonville, not to be released for three weeks.

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PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1.

The department of justice agents who arrested Alvin Karpis denied that they regarded their captive as public enemy No. 1. They were right. He is not.

Karpis is thoroughly bad. In 1926, when he was 18 years old, he was convicted of theft and sent to the Kansas industrial reformatory to serve ten years. Three years later he broke jail. Within a year he was arrested in the possession of safe blowing equipment.

No attempt was made, apparently, to send Karpis back to serve his original term. Instead he was sent to the Kansas penitentiary and paroled a year later. Within a few months he was arrested for robbery in Oklahoma.

He was sent to prison, but paroled almost immediately. Again the records show no effort to send him back to the Kansas prisons where he belonged, once as an escaped convict, a second time as a parole violator.

Six months later Karpis committed his first murder of record, that of a Missouri sheriff. In the ensuing five years he was charged with at least two other murders, two kidnappings of national notoriety, and innumerable bank robberies and holdups. The law had three opportunities to keep Karpis in prison and make these crimes impossible. Three times it failed, twice through slackness and probable corruption in the parole system.

Karpis is not public enemy No. 1. Public enemy No. 1 is the public official who manipulates the parole system for political advantage, recklessly loosing criminals, once caught, to prey again on the public.

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U. S. AGENTS GET WILLIAM MAHAN AND CAMPBELL

One in California,
Other at Toledo, O.

Two in One Day!

Two public enemies, sought in widespread man hunts for their participation in outstanding kidnappings, were captured by federal agents in bloodless raids yesterday.

William Mahan, "brains" of the \$200,000 kidnaping of young George Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma, Wash., lumber fortune heir, was seized in an automobile in a San Francisco parking lot. He offered no resistance and admitted his identity. Officers found \$7,300 of the ransom money in his pockets.

A few hours earlier, Harry Campbell, last principal in the Barker-Karpis gang, was trapped in Toledo, O. He was taken by plane to St. Paul to stand trial with his captured leader, Alvin Karpis, for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for whose release \$200,000 was paid.

BULLETIN.

Tacoma, Wash., May 7.—(AP)—Surrounded by department of justice agents, William Mahan, under indictment for the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser May 24, 1935, returned to Tacoma tonight, stepping off a specially chartered airplane from San Francisco at 9:57 p. m. (12:57 a. m. Friday, Chicago time).

(Pictures on back page.)

San Francisco, Cal., May 7.—(AP)—William Mahan, the scar faced ex-convict accused of having engineered the \$200,000 George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, was captured here today, and sped by plane to the abduction scene at Tacoma, Wash.

Quietly working federal agents grabbed the unarmed Mahan without struggle from an automobile in a rooming house district "south of Market." So nervous he could not eat a meal without his glances roving constantly to the door, Mahan readily admitted his identity as the man who had been the object of a nationwide search.

Hurried to the federal building, he was questioned by department of justice agents. Stenographers emerging from the room with sheafs of paper indicated the taking of a lengthy statement.

Faces Two Indictments.

Then, heavily guarded, Mahan was driven to the airport, placed on a chartered plane flown here from Los Angeles and whirled toward Tacoma where two kidnaping indictments awaited him.

The 35-year old Mahan, charged with having plotted with two others now in prison the abduction of the lumber heir, was sitting on the running board of the car, gunning himself, when apprehended—within a stone's throw of the bureau of investigation headquarters. A pair of horn rimmed glasses was his only disguise. Federal agents said they found \$7,300 in his pockets.

During an ensuing four hours of questioning, the justice department disclosed, Mahan yielded \$13,000, bringing to about \$35,000 the total recovered from his share of the ransom. Nothing was said as to what became of the other \$65,000 he supposedly got.

Traced by Ransom Bills.

The agents tracked Mahan by following a trail of ransom bills on which the serial numbers had been altered. They had been chasing him for nearly a year.

The capture, coming on the same day as that of Harry Campbell and six days after the taking of Alvin Karpis, both wanted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, gave the justice department virtually a clean sweep in its war on the kidnap racket.

Thomas H. Robinson Jr., wanted for the Louisville kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, remains at large, and the government has not closed its work in the mysterious abduction of June Robles, then 6, at Tucson, Ariz., April 25, 1934.

Agents declined to reveal details of the Mahan capture. Residents of the district professed to have recognized the prisoner as a man they had seen hereabouts for six weeks.

Three women vowed they had seen

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Use Flying "Patrol."

Then following the same procedure
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Campbell was born at McClintocks-
ville, Pa., Jan. 1, 1900. Most of his
family now live in Oklahoma.

Find \$2,900 in Room.

Campbell had six clips of shells on
his person when he was arrested.
Currency amounting to \$2,900 was
found in his room.

Hoover said the government would
continue its search for persons who
aided Campbell and other members
of the gang.

Discussing the end of the Barker-
Karpis mob, Hoover today said Jo-

seph P. [Doc] Moran performed a
"butchery" on the finger tips of the
gang in Cleveland in the fall of 1931.

Karpis has confessed paying \$330
for a finger tip and facial alteration
operation at that time, but Hoover
said he did not believe Karpis' story.

His "best information," Hoover
said, was that Moran had been paid
\$5,000 for finger tip operations on
Campbell, Karpis, Arthur [Doc]
Barker and Volney Davis, plus a
facial operation on Karpis at that
time.

The "best information" from the
underworld, he added, is that "Doc"
Moran was taken out into lake Erie
by the Barker-Karpis crowd and
drowned.

"They thought he talked too much,"
Hoover said.

STOP BRIEFLY IN CHICAGO

The airplane carrying Harry Camp-
bell, Karpis gangster, to St. Paul
from Toledo, where he was captured,
stopped at Chicago airport for re-
fueling yesterday morning.

The capture of Campbell turned at-
tention again to the mysterious dis-
appearance of Dr. Joseph P. Moran,
Maywood surgeon, the only impor-
tant member of the Barker-Karpis
gang not officially known to be dead
or captured.

The repeated assertion of J. Edgar
Hoover, chief of the federal agents,
that the gangland doctor is dead was
disputed yesterday by Dr. Hal C.
Billig, 505 Main street, Maywood, a
dentist who worked on Dr. Moran's
teeth several years ago.

Billig said federal agents last week
brought him the teeth and bridge-
work taken from the mouth of a
body recovered from Lake Erie which
some believed was that of Dr. Moran.
Billig said he was certain the teeth
were not Moran's because the gang-
land doctor had no bridgework and
this dental work appeared to be ten
or twelve years old.

The story concerning the surgeon
is that of an honor medical student
who slid into crime. He first prac-
ticed in La Salle county in Illinois,
but went to prison for an illegal
operation just as he was gaining a
name for skill. Paroled, he was re-
turned to prison as a parole violator.
Upon his second release he fell in
with gangland clients.

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him pacing nervously about the automobile.

"He had a strange expression which frightened me," said Mrs. E. McClaskey. "I saw him several times, and one night met him in the doorway of my home. I was terribly frightened."

The other two women, declining to give their names, also said he had a strange look, a scar on his face, and paced nervously.

"He was nuts about Chinese noodles," said a young waitress in a restaurant Mahan patronized. The girl said Mahan always faced the door as he ate and concealed his face behind a newspaper.

The justice department announcement of the capture said part of the \$7,300 found on Mahan was from the ransom money paid by J. P. Weyerhaeuser, lumber baron, for the return of his 9 year old son after a week of dickering with the snatchers.

Hunted Through West.

Mahan had been hunted in almost every western state since the apprehension of his pals in crime, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon M. Waley of Salt Lake City.

From the Canadian line to the Mexican border he was reported seen at various times. Only last night police set watch for him in Riverside, Cal.

Little George Weyerhaeuser received word of the capture as he was playing during recess at Lowell school in Tacoma.

Asked if he was glad, he replied:

"Uh, huh, sure I am."

"Surely, you're joking," said Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser, mother of the boy, when told the news. Her voice indicated deep emotion.

George was kidnaped as he walked home from that same school May 2, 1935. Six hours later his parents received a typewritten demand for \$200,000.

The ransom was paid May 31 by an agent of Weyerhaeuser. The abductors seized the agent's car, forcing him to walk many miles.

Early the next morning George was released on a highway near Issaquah, Wash. He walked to a ranch house, but was turned away.

At another ranch house, he said: "I'm the little Weyerhaeuser boy who was kidnaped."

He was taken in, warmed, and fed. The rancher, Louis Bonifas, started with George for Tacoma and the little heir soon was in the arms of his parents.

Hidden in Spokane.

For three days he was kept in a house for which agents searched but could not find in Tacoma. Week later a house in Spokane, Wash., several hundred miles away, was identified as the kidnapers' hideout.

George has lived the life of a nor-

Two Kidnapers Caught by U. S.



HARRY CAMPBELL.

[Acme Photo.]



WILLIAM MAHAN.

[Associated Press Photo.]

mal boy since then. He resumed his classes at Lowell school. His teachers said he showed no ill effects as the result of his experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Waley, captured when the woman passed one of the ransom bills in a Salt Lake City store, confessed and led officers to a cache of more than \$90,000 of the kidnap money in Emigration canyon nearby.

The day after the Waley arrest, Mahan was sighted at Butte, Mont., by Policeman James E. Mooney, who recognized him as a man he had arrested years before on an Idaho bank robbery charge.

Mooney took after Mahan, who deserted an automobile and fled. In the automobile police found \$15,000 of the ransom money.

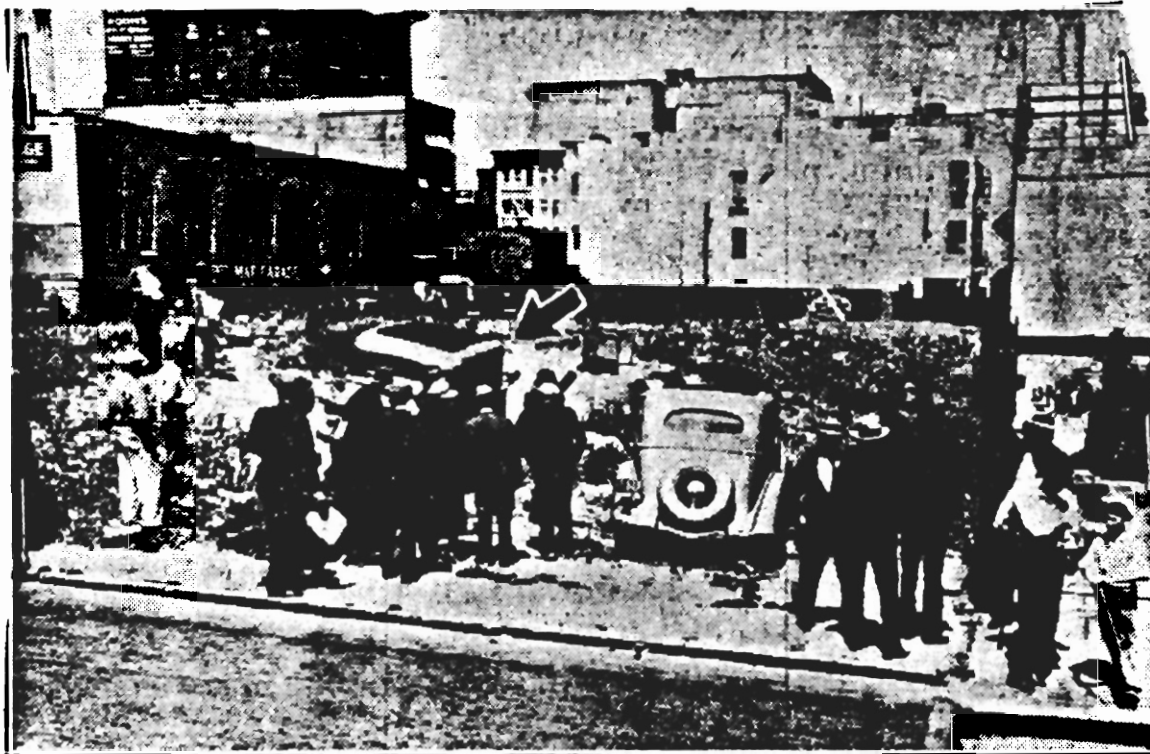
Waley pleaded guilty and was sentenced to forty-five years' imprisonment. He is in Alcatraz federal prison. Mrs. Waley was convicted and sentenced to twenty years in the federal women's prison at Milan, Mich.

TRAP CAMPBELL IN OHIO

St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—(AP)—In capture that was almost a copy of that of his erstwhile gang chief, Alvin

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(Associated Press Wirephoto.)

WHERE WEYERHAEUSER KIDNAPER WAS SEIZED WITHOUT FIRING OF SHOT

—Scene at San Francisco parking lot yesterday after capture of William Mahan by federal agents. Mahan was seized on the running board of car indicated by arrow. The car had been traced to him some time ago.

(Story on page 1.)

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[Acme Photo.]

CAMPBELL FLOWN TO ST. PAUL AFTER CAPTURE IN TOLEDO—Harry Campbell (indicated by arrow), kidnaper and pal of Alvin Karpis, being taken on double quick time to cell in St. Paul, Minn., yesterday after airplane flight from Ohio, where he was captured by federal agents under leadership of J. Edgar Hoover. *(Story on page 1.)*

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MAHAN GOES BACK TO TACOMA—Here is William Mahan (manacled at left) being led to a chartered plane late yesterday at San Francisco airport en route to Tacoma, Wash., to face charges of kidnaping George Weyerhaeuser Jr. for \$200,000 ransom.
[Associated Press Wirephoto.] (Story on page 1.)

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MAHAN AFTER HIS CAPTURE — William Mahan (center), alleged Weyerhaeuser kidnaper, being hustled out of federal building in San Francisco after his capture yesterday. He was taken to Tacoma, Wash.
[Associated Press Wirephoto.] (Story on page 1.)

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[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

WHERE FEDERAL AGENTS CAPTURED HARRY CAMPBELL — Second floor apartment in Toledo, O. (indicated by arrow), where federal agents led by J. Edgar Hoover yesterday captured Harry Campbell, Karpis gangster, a woman and another hoodlum. Campbell was later in the day flown to St. Paul for trial in the Bremer kidnaping. (Story on page 1)

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PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1.

The department of justice agents who arrested Alvin Karpis denied that they regarded their captive as public enemy No. 1. They were right. He is not.

Karpis is thoroughly bad. In 1926, when he was 16 years old, he was convicted of theft and sent to the Kansas industrial reformatory to serve ten years. Three years later he broke jail. Within a year he was arrested in the possession of safe blowing equipment.

No attempt was made, apparently, to send Karpis back to serve his original term. Instead he was sent to the Kansas penitentiary and paroled a year later. Within a few months he was arrested for robbery in Oklahoma.

He was sent to prison, but paroled almost immediately. Again the records show no effort to send him back to the Kansas prisons where he belonged, once as an escaped convict, a second time as a parole violator.

Six months later Karpis committed his first murder of record, that of a Missouri sheriff. In the ensuing five years he was charged with at least two other murders, two kidnappings of national notoriety, and innumerable bank robberies and holdups. The law had three opportunities to keep Karpis in prison and make these crimes impossible. Three times it failed, twice through slackness and probable corruption in the parole system.

Karpis is not public enemy No. 1. Public enemy No. 1 is the public official who manipulates the parole system for political advantage, recklessly loosing criminals, once caught, to prey again on the public.

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Bare Police Officials' Aid for Karpis Gang

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Sheriff James O'Reilly of Toledo, O., who said today he never suspected that a man he knew as "Bob Miller" was Harry Campbell, Karpis associate, seized yesterday. O'Reilly saw "Miller" in a cafe several times and spoke to him, he said, because of a mutual interest in dogs, which led to their first meeting several months ago.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

Investigators Link Two 'Higher-Ups' in Midwest Departments to Gunman.

CLAIM PAIR TOOK CASH

BY FRANCIS J. CONNOR.

Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent. Washington, D. C., May 8.—An explosive expose of an alleged police-gangster alliance that allowed Alvin Karpis, one-time pesky public enemy No. 1, to roam the center of the continent virtually scot free while federal agents pursued a futile chase for him from coast to coast and beyond, is slated to rock the police departments of two middle western cities in the near future. The Chicago Daily News learned today.

Meanwhile the swift roundup of the long-sought kidnapers—William Mahan, wanted in the \$200,000 Weyerhaeuser abduction, and Harry Campbell, associate of Karpis in the snatching of Edward Bremer—raced to a climax today as Tacoma, Wash., and St. Paul, Minn., police held the pair in custody.

At Tacoma, Mahan, swaggering and still brazenly smiling, was taken from a plane that brought him from San Francisco.

Campbell Faces Grilling.

Campbell was lodged in a jail cell at St. Paul after a flight from Toledo, where he was captured yesterday. A long grilling awaited Campbell, one that will be as in-

tense as that undergone by Karpis since his capture a week ago in New Orleans.

The intensive search for a young army of alleged Karpis abettors now being secretly conducted by the federal department of justice thus far has revealed no evidence tending to incriminate any Illinois police departments.

From unimpeachable authority it was elicited that the arrest of two "higher-ups" in the police departments in two widely separated cities in the midwest looms a certainty as a sensational aftermath of the bloodless capture of Karpis a week ago today in New Orleans by "G-men" operating under the personal supervision of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

Think Money Accepted.

It is believed the two men, whose identity cannot be disclosed, sheltered and accepted money for "cover up" services rendered Karpis while the marauding mobster was the most "wanted" federal fugitive in the United States and the object of one of the most expensive and expansive criminal hunts in the annals of American crime.

The federal department avows it is determined to utilize a follow-up investigative technique in the Karpis

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Reveal Police Officials Gave Aid to Karpis Gang

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case similar to preceding investigations which produced sensational exposes of politico-criminal "deals" in the Kansa City massacre months after the crime was popularly accepted as solved and a post-investigation which corralled a score of persons for harboring minions of the late Dillinger mob. The mopping-up process may take months, it was explained, but federal officials mean to press it to the ultimate.

Karpis Lived Unmolested.

Meanwhile, it was stated, that for monthly intervals during the last two years Karpis had been practically living unmolested in Ohio, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and took intermittent excursions into communities in and around principal midwestern metropolises.

Only last November Karpis and his crippled cohort, Harry Campbell, it is said, engineered a \$46,000 mail train robbery in Garrettsville, O., with surprising ease.

Another startling disclosure in the smouldering Karpis controversy between the postoffice department and the justice department came to light today when it was charged that postal inspectors deliberately interfered with G-men in the latter's pursuit of the No. 1 public enemy.

Suspected jealousy on the part of the postoffice department prompted its inspectors to inject themselves into the chase in all ill-becoming manner and thwart G-men efforts to capture Karpis, it was intimated.

Officials May Act.

One blunt charge carried the stinging accusation that one man who is alleged to have disclosed publicly a "plant" on a Karpis hide-out recently in a winter resort community when it was known by operatives of both departments that G-men planned an arrest. As a result the whole trap fizzled and the intended captives fled to freedom.

It was rumored that details of the reported inter-departmental squabble may eventually be placed before the attorney general and the postmaster general and, possibly, the president himself for a scrupulous scrutiny to determine whether the charges involve malfeasance in any way.

Another disclosure declared that Fred Hunter, alleged mail bandit apprehended with Karpis, was hurriedly charged with harboring the mob chieftain by the justice department in order that justice agents might retain him in their custody sufficiently to allow him to complete important statements on Karpis activities he is reported to be making. Another branch of the government, it was said, sought strenuously to get Hunter out of the custody of the justice department.

Reports from Chicago and Cleveland and circulating in the capital that it was postal inspectors and United States district attorney that supplied "G-men" with the tip on Karpis' whereabouts in New Orleans provoked a firm and formal denial from J. Edgar Hoover.

Hoover Denies Getting Tip.

Emphatically, he declared:

"There is not even a scintilla of foundation to such statements. The federal bureau of investigation most certainly received no information nor was any co-operation extended

by the postoffice inspectors, which led to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter."

Further than that, justice officials to a man refused to elaborate on details of the Karpis capture, its subsequent investigations or discuss reports of a widening rift between the two departments' investigative agencies.

"For the present the curtain is down on all angles of the Karpis case," was their formal response to inquiries.

Cummings Is Gratified.

In the wake of the raids that netted Karpis, Campbell and Mahan, Attorney General Cummings declared that "the activity of interstate groups of criminals has been practically broken up."

Cummings said news of the rapid-fire capture of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan was "the most gratifying piece of information I've received for some time," and called the cleanup "a splendid piece of work."

"This was just another illustration of the need for a mobile force such as our federal bureau of investigation men," he added. "Here we had the splendid spectacle of a highly trained force striking in quick succession in three places as widely separated as New Orleans, Toledo and San Francisco and moving effectively to get its man in each case. What could local officers do in a situation like that?"

"Those groups of criminals engaged in predatory crimes—especially kidnaping and extortion—had to be broken up. Before we reorganized the federal force, a situation existed in which they were protected merely by moving quickly to get state lines between themselves and the scene of the crime."

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G-MEN SCORE AGAIN.

Chattanooga Times 5/8/36
Failures in the battle against crime are so numerous that when law enforcement officers are as brilliantly successful as the Department of Justice has been in the past seven days the occasion is almost one for public rejoicing. In a period of one week three of the most infamous desperadoes in the country have been snatched out of their hiding places and clapped in jail. Their capture provides the public with a feeling of relief and a sense of safety which were not possible as long as the criminals were at liberty.

Seldom has the war on crime produced such notable victories in so brief a period. Moving swiftly after weeks of careful preparation, Federal agents under the personal supervision of J. Edgar Hoover, their Chief, concentrated in New Orleans last Friday and captured Alvin Karpis, a murderer and kidnaper who had climbed the ladder of crime until he attained notoriety as "Public Enemy No. 1." He was taken to St. Paul, there to face charges of kidnapping a wealthy brewer and holding him for \$200,000 ransom. Yesterday, with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover again in personal charge, Federal

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Chattanooga News
**Last of Karpis
Gang in Toils**
May 8, 1936



Kidnaping and train robbery charges will face Harry Campbell, sketched above, alleged member of the now-shattered Karpis-Barker gang, last of the mob to fall in G-men's hands. He is accused in the Bremer abduction and the Garrettsville (Ohio) \$46,000 train holdup. Captured in Toledo, Ohio, by G. Edgar Hoover, he was rushed to St. Paul.

G-Men Now To Intensify Hunt For Robinson

Mahan Rushed to Tacoma Hoover Again Denounces Crooked Politicians.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—An indication that the next major field of the Federal Government's G-men would be the shadowy connections between dishonest politicians and the underworld was seen today in the jubilant announcement of J. Edgar Hoover that only one of the kidnapers who harried the nation for over a year remains at large.

Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, pressed a Federal roundup of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from Federal justice, while his agents rushed the two newest public enemies captured by his department to justice.

In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George Hunt Weyerhaeuser, who was "public enemy No. 1," (or "public rat No. 1," according to Hoover) during the six days between his capture and that of Alvin Karpis, faced quick arraignment on two long-pending indictments.

In St. Paul, Harry Campbell, 36, last member of the Barker-Karpis gang to remain at large, joined his erstwhile chief, Karpis, in custody. Both face trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, in 1934, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, in 1933.

Remaining at large was Thomas W. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville. Robinson has no underworld connections and is an expert female impersonator.

More Arrests Imminent.

Hoover revealed that arrests were imminent in the Cleveland (O.) area, where, he said, members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been harbored by persons accepted as respectable in their communities. He revealed that Campbell and Karpis had escaped capture months ago only because they had been tipped off by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections."

Hoover again denounced crooked politicians. They were, he said, the real public enemies.

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of one another yesterday—Campbell at dawn in Toledo, O., and Mahan at noon in San Francisco. Within a few hours after their arrests, both were in airplanes en route to the scenes of their alleged crimes, where they will face the bars of justice.

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnaping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and

his wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waleys the G-men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$55,000, and expected to recover most of the remainder.

Mahan had \$37,300.

Mahan had \$7,300 in his pocket when arrested and in his car more than \$30,000 was found. Previously, \$15,000 which he had been forced to abandon was recovered.

Hoover said his bureau would now "work in earnest" on the apprehension of Robinson, who was a Tennessee lawyer before he turned kidnaper and collected \$50,000 from Mrs. Stoll's wealthy husband.

Hoover said Mahan was captured when agents traced the Weyerhaeuser kidnap money, which he had been spending freely along the Pacific Coast. He had attempted to alter serial numbers on several bills.

United States Postal inspectors had agreed to cooperate in apprehension of Campbell.

"I can only say that the Department of Justice received no help of any kind from the postal inspection service in these cases," he said.

Campbell, known as the "right hand man" of Karpis, was carrying \$2,900 in his pockets. In addition to the kidnapings, he was sought for mail robberies and for shooting his way, with Karpis, out of an Atlantic City (N. J.) hotel last year. Hoover hinted that he believed

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May 8, 1936.

The Karpis Capture

To the Editor of The Herald: ~~World~~

The capture of Alvin Karpis by department of justice agents after a two-year hunt brings to a close another fantastic chapter of the post-prohibition kidnap saga. Although never attaining the proportions of the bootleg industry, the particularly offensive aspects of kidnaping were directly responsible for making the federal bureau of investigation a powerful and efficient organization, and for the passage of drastic laws to facilitate their work.

But the bureau is nothing new. It was in existence in the roaring twenties when crime was a profitable business. But so was everything else, and gang wars made good reading anyway. What few persons realized was that an underworld population, machinery, and tradition were being built up that would have to be dealt with sooner or later.

It has taken some very ugly and sad happenings to make the country face a problem which could have been nipped in the bud long ago if a few influential leaders, an occupant of the White House for instance, had possessed the foresight and resolution to make full use of a weapon ready to hand and of proven efficacy.

H. JOHNSON.

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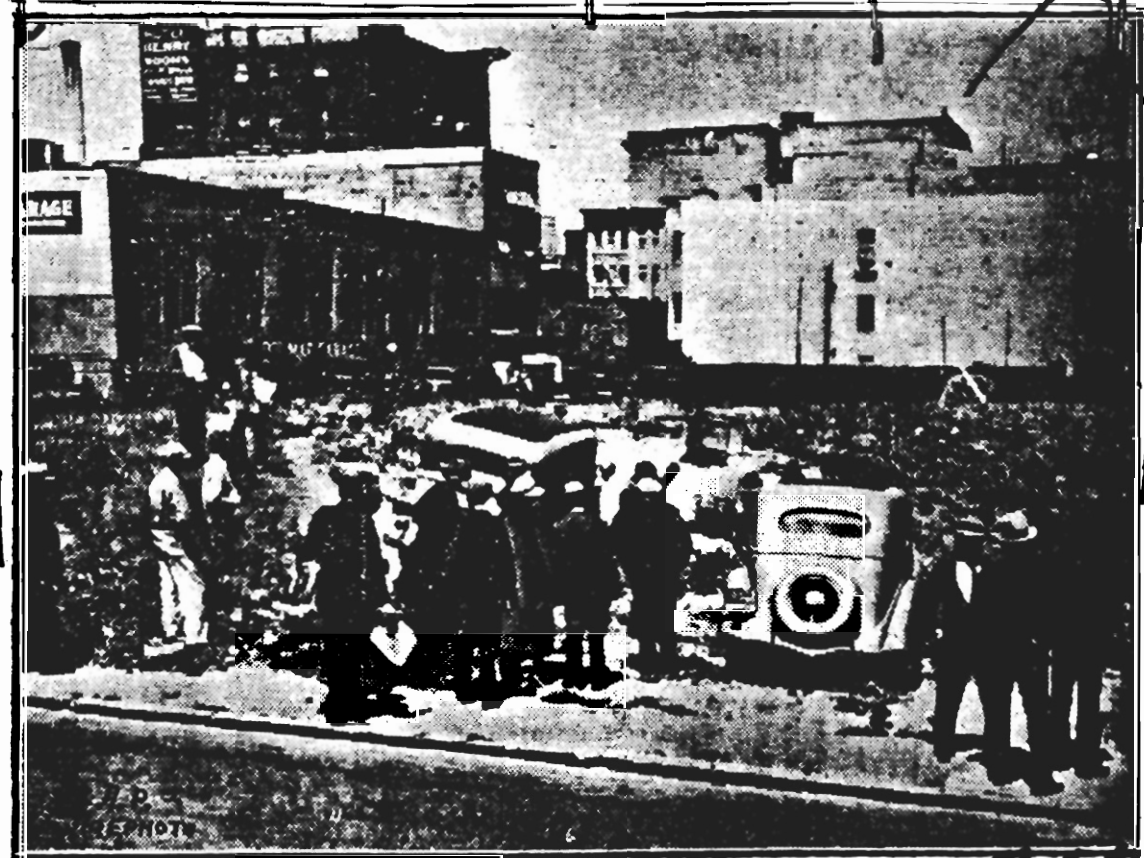
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WHERE KARPIS AIDE HID OUT—WIREPHOTO
 This BOSTON POST-ASSOCIATED PRESS WIREPHOTO was made in Toledo just after G-Men took another step in eliminating the entire Barker-Karpis gang, by catching up with Harry Campbell, lieutenant to Alvin Karpis. Campbell was trapped in the second floor apartment where the shades are drawn.



WHERE MAHAN WAS CAPTURED BY G-MEN—WIREPHOTO
 A BOSTON POST-ASSOCIATED PRESS WIREPHOTO made in San Francisco where William Mahan was arrested yesterday for the kidnapping of George Weyerhaeuser, 9-year-old Tacoma boy. G-Men trailed him down by identifying the automobile at the left as Mahan's. He was arrested on the running board of the car.

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BUSY CLEANING UP—WIREPHOTO

A BOSTON POST-ASSOCIATED PRESS WIREPHOTO made in Washington as J. Edgar Hoover, right, chief of the G-Men, arrived in that city from Toledo yesterday. He had just supervised the capture of another notorious public enemy, Harry Campbell, associate of Alvin Karpis. He followed that capture with the announcement of the arrest of William Mahan, long-sought kidnapper.

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The federal agents did their relentlessly fine work methodically and quietly. They took the unnecessary drama out of their business. So far as possible gangster crime should be reduced to its sordid, vicious futility. As some fools might otherwise be misled, it is better also to soft pedal any romance that might be seen in tracking the gangsters down. It's an immensely important and essential business, of course, but otherwise it's a very unhappy calling.

The less free and easy gunfire, the better for all concerned.

The federal agents grow in efficiency, in technique and in sound prestige.

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"IT'S AN ILL WIND"

THE capture of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1" on the list of the Federal Department of Investigation, marks another step in the steady advance of the forces of law and order in clearing this country of dangerous enemies of society.

It took the "G-Men" a long time to catch up with Mr. Karpis, after his sensational escape from Atlantic City police, who had him cornered. But the long arm of Uncle Sam never tires in the hunt of criminals, no matter how many years or what expense might be necessary to do the job. To wit: Capone, Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, and scores of other desperadoes, who rode high, wide and handsome during the days of Prohibition.

A great deal has been said about the great harm that was done by the "noble experiment," in destroying respect for the law. However, it is an "ill wind" that does not blow some good. The direct result of prohibition was an unprecedented crime wave, which in turn forced the government to rush to the aid of the States and municipalities in combating what had developed into a national menace.

Creation of the militant arm of the Department of Justice—the Federal Bureau of Investigation—was the result. And the work of this branch of government law enforcement service has proved the best investment that Uncle Sam could have made.

Had the "G-Men" had their present organization in action at the time of the famous Lindbergh kidnapping, it is safe to presume that the terrible mess that preceded the final disposition of the case would certainly have been avoided.

Thanks to Prohibition, an asinine experiment, a country did gain a fighting unit, which has brought back in a short time respect for the law, which had become a mockery in the hands of gunners.

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"PUBLIC RATS"

FEDERAL agents have captured two of the last nationally troublesome criminals, William Mahan, who is wanted in the \$200,000 kidnaping of little George Weyerhaeuser, and Harry Campbell, of the Karpis-Barker gang. Their capture leaves a single "lone wolf" kidnaper alone at large. He is Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., wanted for the abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll in 1934.

Robinson, if he still is alive, knows that he never will be safe. Always there will be some one looking for him; always he will be a hunted man. Karpis escaped the law for two years. That's a long time. But suddenly, unexpectedly, he walked into a ring of machine guns held by a score of the dreaded G-men. That's all Robinson can expect. It's only a matter of time. There's no "percentage" in being a crook, especially a "big time" bandit, these days.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, doesn't approve of the term "Public Enemy," for crooks. He much prefers to call them "Public Rat No. 1." It's much less complimentary. "Criminals are very vain," says Mr. Hoover. "They like to be called Public Enemy No. 1. I wish newspapers would start calling them 'public rats.'"

That's a good idea. To a distorted mind, there might, conceivably, be something romantic about the title, "Public Enemy No. 1." But not about "Public Rat No. 1."

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A Field Day for Men

Yesterday was a big day for the G-Men who almost simultaneously and two thousand miles apart bagged Harry Campbell, former pal of Alvin Karpis in kidnappings, bank robberies and various other jobs, and William Mahan, last of the big money kidnapers to remain at large.

Both men were at the top of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's list of public enemies. They had moved there when the name of Alvin Karpis was erased only a week ago. They enjoyed that dubious honor for but a few hours while they cringed in hide-outs in Toledo and San Francisco respectively.

In short it was a field day, a red-letter day, a general clean-up day in the American criminal world by the forces of society and indicated that the Government men are carrying out the pledge to wipe out every criminal gang in the country and make crime the most unprofitable and dangerous occupation that can be selected and followed. It no longer is "big-shot" stuff to be listed as "Public Enemy No. 1" or by any other number. It is the mark which the slaughter-house boys have put on their next victim. It spells doom for any gangster and criminal. And best of all, the criminals know it.

As with Karpis, the arrest of his pal Campbell was directed and participated in by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation. It was, as it were, an answer to some scoffing that has been engaged in in the United States Senate where the question was asked: "How many arrests has Hoover made?" Hoover has shown that he not only has the brains to direct the operations nation-wide of hundreds of trained sleuths but also possesses the courage to match wits and weapons with the most dangerous, armed criminals in the country. His arrests of Karpis and Campbell ought to be a blistering answer to his critics in the Senate.

Again, as in the Karpis capture, the G-Men took no chances of ambushes or attempted rescue of their prisoners. They quietly conducted the arrests, then hurried them away by plane to distant destinations where the men are to stand trial.

Hint in Toledo yesterday was that Campbell, on whose head a price of \$2500 had been set, had actually been betrayed by Karpis. All of which is possible and probable. It would not stretch credulity very unduly to be told that Karpis had been betrayed by Campbell. Of such is the character of criminals.

Lessons for the American people in the cleaning of house are that the government at last has the will and the weapons to clean up crime and that criminals are to be regarded as miserable, low-down curs who are the foes of society and minus all the ingredients that go to make heroes. This country is going to be better off without them and has at least determined to rid itself of them. Thereby we close an era in which it was thought rather smart to disobey the laws, clever to plan and carry out crimes that netted large amounts of loot, courageous to hold up banks and individuals at the point of revolvers and machine guns and heroic to policemen in the pursuit of their duties. That day it is to be hoped, has gone forever.

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WIDEN INQUIRY INTO AID FOR KARPIS GANG

By International News Service

TOLEDO, May 8.—Reports that sensational developments are imminent as the outgrowth of the capture here yesterday of Harry Campbell, last major Karpis gang figure, circulated today as G-men pursued an intensive investigation.

A number of Toledoans will be questioned on the theory that they may have some knowledge of the activities of Campbell and Alvin Karpis when the gang had a hide-out here, it was reported.

Sheriff James O'Reilly, meanwhile, admitted he knew Harry Campbell under the name of "Bob Miller," and had drank beer with him on several occasions. O'Reilly refused an editorial demand by the Toledo Blade that he resign his office.

O'Reilly said he had never noticed a picture of Campbell posted on the county jail bulletin board, and added he always thought Campbell was a big man, while Miller "is just a little fellow."

"I'm sure my friends never thought I lacked courage," the sheriff said. "If I had suspected who he was I'd certainly have arrested him. Nothing would have helped my candidacy more than to have picked him up. I saw him at the ball game and could have arrested him there if I'd known who he was. The place was full of coppers."

The sheriff, a dog fancier, said he became acquainted with "Miller" through the owner of a beer parlor where one of the sheriff's "Scotty" dogs was kept. Campbell's wife took an interest in the dog and inquired where she might buy one like it. The cafe proprietor later introduced O'Reilly to her husband as "Bob Miller," he said.

By Associated Press

ST. PAUL, May 8.—An effort to learn the names of Karpis-Barker gang aides—including politicians—was pressed by federal agents today in questioning Harry Campbell, last of the major members of the mob.

Campbell, seized in Toledo yesterday and rushed here by plane, was interrogated in the federal building where his confederate, Alvin Karpis, underwent a five-day quiz. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, who participated in both arrests, asserted the capture of the gangsters at Cleveland two years ago was frustrated because "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians."

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Public Enemies

Every so often another personality is awarded the title of Public Enemy Number One. Capone, Dillinger, Diamond, one by one the wearers of that ignominious label were killed or captured by government G-men.

Early this week Alvin Karpis was captured in New Orleans. His title of Public Enemy No. 1 fell quickly upon the shoulders of William Mahan, Weyerhaeuser kidnaper. Mahan wore his "honor" only a night or so and then, Thursday, swooping down upon his hiding place in San Francisco G-men took him into custody. Public Enemy No. 1 to succeed Mahan has not been named. But whoever he is doesn't matter. Public enemies will continue to bob up until we have learned how to prevent their becoming public enemies. The time to cure public enemies is in the days of childhood when the young brain is impressionable and can be properly directed. Penalty after the criminal has been made is only the antidote. Education is the real preventive.

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Campbell Held Unique Karpis Gang Member

Never Killed a Man, So Far as Records of Police Indicate.

Harry Campbell, arrested yesterday in Toledo, was a very unusual member of the Karpis-Barker gang. He was unusual because, so far as police know, he never killed a man.

Campbell was late in joining the gang, which probably accounts for the absence of blood on his hands. He enrolled under the leadership of the villainous Kate ("Ma") Barker and Alvin Karpis just in time to play a role in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1934. It was he and Karpis who actually "snatched" Bremer, investigators say.

Prior to that he had been pretty much what the underworld calls a "punk" with a few robberies on his record.

In Florida With Karpis.

Not until January 20, 1935, did he achieve widespread notoriety. He and Alvin Karpis, with their women, had been in Florida when "Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, were killed in a spectacular gun battle with Federal agents. Campbell and Karpis, traveling in a stolen automobile, went to Atlantic City, N. J.

The Florida police, not knowing who had the car, broadcast the license number to police in other cities. Atlantic City police spotted the car and arrested the men who had been traveling in it. They found them in a hotel, but were ill prepared for what happened.

Karpis and Campbell confronted the police with machine guns, and then, under a furious fire, made their escape in another stolen car, leaving their women behind them.

Two Girls Sentenced.

Karpis' girl, Delores Delaney, soon was to become a mother. She and Campbell's companion, Wynona Burdette, a radio crooner, were taken to Miami, Fla., where they were sentenced to five years on a detention farm for harboring the two criminals.

Campbell was born 36 years ago in McClintocville, Pa. His police record began when, at the age of 20, he was arrested in Tulsa, Okla., and fined \$10.

He was arrested in Lincoln County, Okla., a year later on a bank robbery charge, but after six months was discharged on a court order for trial. What happened afterward in that case is not clear in the records.

He was arrested for burglary in Tulsa in 1932, but "jumped" his bond. He remained outside of the bars until yesterday.

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CHIEF G-MAN BREAKS NEWS



(Wide World Wired Photo)

J. Edgar Hoover, shown in the center, as he arrived at the Cleveland airport on his way to Washington, being interviewed by a reporter at the left, while a G-man aide and assistant to Hoover, is at the right.

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"G-MEN" COMPLETE GANGSTER CLEAN-UP—Left: Federal agents rushed Harry Campbell (center), lieutenant of Alvin Karpis, in double-quick time when they reached the Federal building in St. Paul. Campbell was caught in Toledo. Right: J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, shown on his return to Washington from the capture of Campbell, to announce arrest of William Mahan in San Francisco. With Hoover is W. N. Pinkerton (left) of the Associated Press.

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