

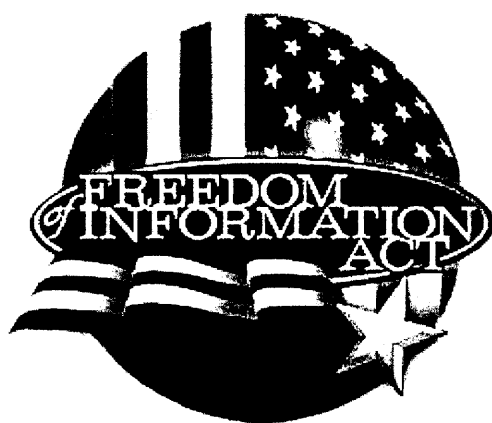
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G-MEN PROBE VICE IN TOLEDO

**Investigators Have Made
City Too Hot, Habitues
Flee Inquiry.**

Whether organized vice is paying for protection in Toledo is expected to be revealed in the investigation now going on by undercover agents of the department of justice, it was learned today.

Agents are reported to have been questioning many underworld characters in the last week along this line as they delve into the activities of Harry Campbell, notorious Karpis gangster who lived here nearly a year before being captured.

So upset has the underworld become over the ceaseless activities of the G-men since Campbell's capture that vice resorts in Summit st. have been closed more effectively than any city hall crusade in recent years and many of the habitues have fled to Monroe, Mich., police say.

The G-men are said to be interested in discovering who harbored Campbell in Toledo, and whether organized vice is paying for protection.

Substantiating the rumors which have been current here since the G-men took Campbell in a dawn raid on a Monroe st. apartment May 7, an interstate bus driver reported to a former member of the police hoodlum squad that he had seen 10 or more notorious vice characters in Monroe, Mich., last night, and was informed that Toledo was too hot for them.

At least five resorts which from time to time have been the centers of police attention during the periodical vice crusades which allegedly were launched under past city administrations are closed—definitely closed—and not even the usual dim light, customarily of crimson hue, was burning in these houses last night.

On the numerous occasions when the lid was clamped on vice in Toledo it was common knowledge that these places suspended activities for a few days until the heat was off and promptly opened for business as vigilance was relaxed.

But even a cursory investigation by police officers interested in the phenomena of a closed house in Toledo revealed that the five places which G-men are known to have visited have been deserted by their habitués.

Among those houses reported closed by the activities of the agents, who are said to have questioned proprietors of the dives in connection with income tax violations, are resorts in the 600 block of Lafayette st., the 900 and 1000 block of Summit st., and the 300 block of Locust st.

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NATION'S 'BEST' 'CON' MAN HELD FOR MAIL FRAUD

Omaha, Neb., July 11.—(AP)—Federal Judge James A. Donohoe today signed an order directing that William Elmer Mead, 59 years old, termed by federal agents one of the "best" confidence men operating in the United States, be taken to Jacksonville, Fla., for trial on mail fraud charges.

Mead is charged with participating in a \$13,000 swindle at Jacksonville. He was arrested here two days ago by bureau of investigation agents and questioned in connection with the kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., of Edward G. Bremer. When this questioning was completed he was turned over to postal inspectors.

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Karpis, who boasted "I'll never be taken alive" until Hoover and his men surrounded him in New Orleans a few months ago, has laid aside his braggadochio and appears in a mood to give up the fight and take his medicine, those who have talked with him say.

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Hoover giving orders that they were not to be questioned by anyone except persons having his approval. Postal inspectors tried in vain to enter Karpis' cell at St. Paul to discuss the Warren robbery and other "jobs" in the Middle West. It was not until a few days ago that Hoover relented and permitted the interview with Karpis.

Where Is the Loot?

Still another story which is given some substantiation by persons close to the investigation reveals that FBI agents questioned Karpis concerning the guilt of Sargent and Labrizzetta. Karpis is reputed to have met the inquiries with a smile and refused to commit himself beyond saying that there was no reason why he should talk "to save Sargent" as the convicted mail robber had been "trying to put the finger on him."

The weak link in the case against Sargent and Labrizzetta rests in the inability of the Postal Inspection Service to recover any part of the cash taken in the hold-up. The bonds, all except one thousand dollar certificate, were found in a mail sack thrown into a small stream of water near Warren.

It is the contention of those seeking to free the two convicted men that the \$72,000 in cash went to Karpis, Campbell and other members of their gang and helped to pay for their hide-outs and "protection" in Cleveland, Toledo, New Orleans and other cities prior to capture by G-men.

Man in Glasses Did It.

Both the cash and the bonds were being transferred from the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland to the Second National Bank of Warren. The cash was a part of the Republic Steel Corp.'s pay roll for its Warren plant.

The mail truck transporting the money and securities was stopped by a machine gun bandit wearing horn-rimmed glasses. He forced the driver to take the truck to an abandoned garage in the outskirts of Warren, then tied him up and escaped with four mail pouches.

Sargent and Labrizzetta were arrested two days after the robbery. Their trials were held this spring. After the first hearing there was considerable doubt expressed by federal officials as to the guilt established. A new trial was granted but the resulting conviction was the same.

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U. S. Now Seeks Karpis Link in Warren Holdup

United States postal inspectors today renewed investigation of the \$125,000 mail robbery in Warren, O., April 24, 1935, for which George Sargent and Anthony Labrizetti have twice been convicted in federal court here.

The new investigation was demanded by U. S. District Attorney Freed to determine whether the Alvin Karpis gang was implicated in the Warren mail truck raid as well as the \$46,000 train robbery in Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935.

The district attorney, who supervised the prosecution of the men, disclosed he had requested the department of justice to aid in checking rumors that the two convicted men were innocent.

Bitter Rivalry Recalled

Behind the scenes was observed a recurrence of bitter rivalry between the federal bureau of investigation and the postal inspectors in solving the Warren robbery.

Both Sargent and Labrizetti, now in county jail under \$40,000 bond each, contended at their trials they were in the vicinity of Akron at the time the crime was committed. Their appeal is pending in the U. S. circuit court at Cincinnati.

"To tell the truth, I've always wondered just what was what in the Warren robbery case," Freed said. "Both juries found Sargent and Labrizetti guilty, yet rumors persist that they are innocent."

Investigators Puzzled

Despite the two convictions, government investigators have never been satisfied with the Warren case. They are checking the possibility of mistaken identity based on Sargent's close resemblance to Harry Campbell and Labrizetti's similarity to Karpis.

The government's chief witness in the trials was Burl Villers, driver of the mail truck which carried the \$72,000 payroll for the Republic Steel Corporation and \$53,000 in registered government bonds.

Villers was definite in his identification of Sargent, but did not commit himself as being positive about Labrizetti. However, the first jury returned convictions on two counts within 10 minutes while the second jury deliberated four hours to return a guilty verdict on one count.

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MAIL ROBBERY QUIZ RESUMED BY U. S. AGENTS

Postal Inspectors Informed
Sargent, Campo Innocent
In Warren Robbery

CRIME LAID TO KARPIS

Akron Men, Convicted At Sec-
ond Trial, Appealing 20-
Year Sentences

New evidence purporting to show that George Sargent and Tony Campo did not commit the \$72,000 Warren mail robbery, for which they are serving 20-year terms in Federal prison, is in the possession of postal inspectors, it was revealed today.

The crime is attributed to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and other public enemies recently seized by G-men.

Sargent and Campo, both of Akron, were convicted after two jury trials. In his charge to the jury in the second trial Federal Judge Samuel H. West virtually recommended acquittal. An appeal of the conviction is pending.

The investigation into the stickup, which occurred April 24, 1935, was reopened after postal inspectors received information from closely guarded sources.

Sargent and Campo were arrested just outside of a downtown hotel after an investigation that followed the discovery in the Portage Lakes area of bonds and papers taken in the mail robbery.

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Sargent and Campo have constantly maintained innocence, and have waged a long, futile fight to prove it.

Their conviction was based on their identification by the driver of the truck. Sargent and Campo maintained they were in Akron attending a funeral at the time of the robbery.

They asserted that two Akron policemen saw them, but the policemen, Stephen McCormick and Arthur Posschl, denied this.

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KARPIS SEEKS BARGAIN

By United Press

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Unless he changes his plea before tomorrow, Karpis, erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, is scheduled to go on trial in Federal Court on charges carrying almost certain sentence to life imprisonment in event of conviction.

Karpis, it was believed, is seeking to strike a bargain. He was said to feel that the Government should permit him to plead guilty to the Hamm kidnaping, and drop or ignore his indictment in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. J.

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George H. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, will be aided in the prosecution by George A. Helsey.

Karpis has indicated he might plead guilty to the abduction. He pleaded innocent on his arraignment.

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KARPIS ON TRIAL IN ABDUCTION CASE

Two Suspected Aides Also
in Court for Hamm
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Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) postmaster, and John P. (Jack) Peifer, St. Paul gambler and night club operator, faced trial with Karpis for a crime committed more than three years ago.

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Of four others indicted, two pleaded guilty and the other two are in Alcatraz Prison serving terms for the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Byron Bolton and Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald pleaded guilty and will be sentenced at the end of the trial opening today. In Alcatraz are Arthur (Doc) Barker and Elmer Farmer.

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6-MEN PROBE ASKED IN P. D. CONVICTIONS

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10-Minute Conviction

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Gang Leader Changes Plea as
Trial is Ready to Open.

By the United Press.

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GUILTY PLEA BY KARPIS

ST. PAUL, July 14 (By International Service).—Alvin Karpis, last "big shot" of the Barker-Karpis gang of killers, bandits and terrorists, today pleaded guilty in U. S. District Court to conspiracy in the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., multi-millionaire brewer, on June 15, 1933.

Karpis' plea came just as his trial and that of his co-defendants, Jack Pfeiffer, St. Paul night club owner, and Edward C. Bartholmey, former postmaster of Bensonville, Ill., opened before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

Sentence of Karpis will be delayed until the trial of the other two has ended. It is expected that he will be given life in a Federal penitentiary.

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Aristocrat of Underworld Is Guest at County Jail Here

Famous John Henry Put on Visitor's Book as Mead Is Jailed

A distinguished John Henry was put on the books at the county jail last night—distinguished in the underworld.

New guest was John Henry Foster, alias W. Elmer Mead, described as one of the cleverest con men in the game.

His operations have been international. Scotland Yard know him as Edwin Elza Gaynor.

Arrested in Omaha last week, he was questioned by G-men in the Bremer kidnaping case, and then signed over to authorities here to answer a 13-year-old charge of using the mails to defraud.

Mead, a gentleman of multiple personalities, each with a name, was indicted in a \$11,360 stock market wire-tapping swindle in this district, back in 1923.

Denver police, posting a reward for him in 1931, said they'd put their money on the line for information leading to the whereabouts of J. H. Foster, W. E. Mead, or "Christ Kid." He has also been known as J. W. Reed, William E. Mean, etc., etc.

Collared in 1934, he jumped a \$10,000 bond, on the eve of his trial in federal court, here, on the swindle charge.

Foster, Reed, Mean, Mead's career can be followed, in jumpy fashion, in newspapers in this country and abroad, and in crime records.

First entry in the laws audit is as follows:

"William E. Mead, San Diego, California, Sept. 24, 1896, grand larceny; 3 years, San Quentin prison, as No. 16947. San Quentin 1906."

May 1, 1934, in the Minneapolis Journal, Mead was referred to in a general crime story:

"The government's handiest weapon in its war against the underworld—the income tax law—was swung today against William 'Christian Kid' Mead, notorious swindler sought as the 'finger man' in the Bremer case."



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Mead, the Minneapolis Journal said, was charged with failing to pay income tax on \$50,000 fleeced in 1932 from a retired New England business man through the horse race wire-tapping system.

In the same story, it was said that the con man had been arrested in 1933 at the World's Fair, charged with duping a Fair visitor out of \$11,000—but a \$10,000 bond was skipped, and that was that.

This further quote from the Journal:

"Mead is alleged to have tried a confidence game on Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., contractor, and close friend of Edward Bremer. . . . The government has asserted Mead had become acquainted with Bremer and his control over vast sums of money in the attempted swindle of Wunderlich, and had been the 'finger man' who had selected Bremer as kidnap victim."

Mead was pictured in the Bremer story in the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, May 3, 1934.

Upper right, William Elmer 'Christian Kid' Mead, ex-convict with a police record as a confidence man, was the object of a nation-wide search after it was revealed that he was the 'finger man' in the kidnaping. The authorities have learned that Mead selected Bremer as the kidnaping victim after Bremer came to the aid of one of Mead's confidence game victims by putting up \$50,000."

But Mead's scrap book would run into many volumes

More terse, here are a few of the record entries:

"As John H. Foster, No. 12127, received State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo., June 3, 1923, from Denver, Colo., crime conspirator to steal, one count, confidence game, two counts, to run concurrently sentence three to 10 years."

Again:
"As Edwin Elza Gaynor No. 2196, inquiry made by New Scotland Yard, London, England, April 7, 1930 . . . As Edwin Elza Gaynor, 2196, received Brixton Prison, crime conspiracy."

Again:
"William E. Mean, Denver, Colo., July 9, 1912, bunco suspect; given hours to leave city. WANTED ALL LIMA, OHIO."

Again:
"Subject as J. W. Reed, arrested in Miami, Fla., Dec. 18, 1920, charge, suspicious character (con); pending."

And so they go.

Last July, Mead was arrested in Northampton, Mass., on a minor automobile charge, and was allowed freedom on a \$200 bond. He had given the name of Charles E. Carter, of Atlanta.

Police, it was reported, became suspicious upon finding his fingertips had been operated on. J. Edgar Hoover, G-man chief, described Mead's as "the worst case of mutilation to come to our attention."

When Mead was arrested in Omaha, Hoover layed "finger man" rumors.

"Although Mead's apprehension has not been sought as an actual participant in the abduction, efforts have been made to locate him," Hoover said, "for purposes of questioning him in connection with that matter. (Bremer case)"

Questioning over, Mead, was brought to Jacksonville by the U. S. marshal of the district of Nebraska, J. C. Byrnes, and a deputy, Earl Young.

Next term of federal court here begins the first Monday in October.

Mead was represented here in 1934 by Fred M. Vais.

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KARPIS AND TWO ON TRIAL TODAY IN HAMM CASE

St. Paul, July 13.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, erstwhile public enemy No. 1, and two companions will go on trial here tomorrow morning for the \$100,000 ransom of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer.

Co-defendants with Karpis will be Edmund C. Bartholmey, former postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., and John P. Peifer, St. Paul night club owner. All were indicted for kidnaping Hamm on June 15, 1933, and imprisoning him for four days.

The trio will stand trial for both conspiracy and actual kidnaping charges, United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan said, and the maximum penalty on either charge if convicted, is life imprisonment.

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Campbell and Karpis Linked to \$72,000 Mail Truck Holdup

BY FRANCIS J. CONNOR.
Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—

With an accusing finger pointed toward Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, deposed kings of crime, postal inspectors today had under way a new and extensive investigation of a Warren (O.) mail truck robbery which more than a year ago yielded bandits \$72,000 in cash and \$53,000 in registered bonds. Two "small fry gangsters" are now serving twenty-year prison terms in a federal jail for the crime.

Reopening of the investigation into the year-old mail truck stickup, which occurred April 24, 1935, followed "surprise" information received by the postoffice department purporting to show that the two convicted men, George Sargent and Tony Labrizzetta, did not commit the crime. Details of the new information are a closely guarded secret of the postal inspectors. However, the finger of suspicion, it was reported, points to Karpis, Campbell and lesser lights of their once powerful bandit gang.

Sargent and Labrizzetta, Toledo underworld characters of minor repute arrested two days after the robbery, were convicted after two jury trials. An appeal is pending before the federal Court of Appeals in the Ohio district.

Joseph F. Gartland, acting chief inspector of the postal inspection service, said today that "he understood" that agents of his department had questioned Karpis a few days ago on the Warren robbery but that he had personally received no report on the information obtained.

Gartland pointed out that Sargent and Labrizzetta had received fair and impartial trials as far as he knew and that their conviction had resulted from evidence obtained. Only one postal inspector had appeared on the witness stand during the two trials, it was said, and his testimony had to do solely with the establishment of the fact that the truck waylaid in Warren had carried registered mail.

After the first trial of Sargent

and Labrizzetta there was considerable doubt expressed by certain federal officials as to the guilt established. A new trial was granted, but the resulting conviction was the same.

"Stay on the Job." Postal officials pointed out it is not the policy of the postal inspection division to close a case, however, as long as there are any loose ends to investigate.

"All the information and evidence uncovered to date in the Warren case were turned over to the proper federal authorities prior to trial of the two suspects. It was enough to convict them. Should the new investigation change this estimation of the case, we will see that the authorities are informed," the officials opined.

One weak link in the case against Sargent and Labrizzetta lies in the inability of the postal inspection service to recover any part of the cash taken in the holdup. The bonds, all except one thousand-dollar certificate, were found in a mail sack thrown into a small stream of water near Warren.

Those seeking to free the two convicted men contend that the

\$72,000 in cash went to Karpis, Campbell and other members of their gang and helped to pave the way for hideouts and protection in Cleveland, Toledo, New Orleans and possibly other cities prior to their capture by G-men, it was reported.

In other quarters it was learned authoritatively that about a week ago postal inspectors visited Karpis in his cell at St. Paul to discuss the Warren robbery and other "jobs" in the middle west.

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Karpis may be called as a witness in the trials of these two men.

The guilty plea was made by Karpis' attorney, Thomas J. Newman, a few minutes after a special term of Federal Court got under way. The desperado was immediately taken back to his cell.

Two others previously admitted guilt in the sensational kidnaping, which was one of a series engineered by the Karpis-Barker gang. They are Byron Bolton, gangster-informant whose talking to Federal men solved a number of crimes; and Charles Fitzgerald, Los Angeles bank robber.

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KARPIS ADMITS HAMM KIDNAP

ST. PAUL, Minn., (US).—Alvin Karpis, last "big shot" of the Barker-Karpis gang of killers, bandits and terrorists, Tuesday pleaded guilty in United States District Court to conspiracy in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., multi-millionaire brewer, on June 15, 1933.

Karpis's plea came just as his trial and that of his co-defendants, Jack Peiffer, St. Paul night club owner, and Edward C. Bartholmey, former postmaster of Bensonville, Ill., opened.

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KARPIS PLEADS GUILTY

Admits \$100,000 Hamm Kidnap

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 14 (US).—Alvin Karpis today sullenly pleaded guilty to the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer.

Karpis' sentence was deferred until after trial of two other defendants, John Peiffer, night club man charged with being the "finger man" in the kidnaping, and Edward C. Bartholmey, for-

merly postmaster of Bensonville, Ill., whose home the Government charges was used as the kidnap hideout.

Karpis may be called as a witness in the trials of these two men, defense attorneys indicated.

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Kansas Gives Crime a 'Jag'

Head of State Police Now
Called a 'Hoover' After
Drive on Karpis

Topeka, Kas. - (U.P.) - Col. Wint Smith, director of the Kansas state highway patrol, is called the "J. Edgar Hoover" of Kansas because of the important role his patrol played in the recent capture of Alvin Karpis.

Although Kansas troopers did not participate in the actual capture of the public enemy at New Orleans, they laid the groundwork which enabled government agents to make the arrest.

Smith uncovered the first important Karpis lead at the trial last January of Tommy Hill in Independence, Kas. When two suspicious strangers walked into the courtroom, Smith directed a trooper to have their pictures taken. The two were Grover (Burrhead) Keady and John Brook, Tulsa (Okla.) gamblers.

Important Lead Uncovered

Postal inspectors from Toledo came to Kansas shortly afterward seeking clues on the Garrettsville (Ohio) railway mail robbery Nov. 7, 1935, in which \$46,000 was taken,

and learned that Brock was a participant. Brock confessed that Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter aided in the robbery and that Karpis divided his time between Toledo and Hot Springs, Ark.

Karpis and Campbell were wanted by Kansas officials. Karpis formerly lived in Topeka, where his crime activities began with tire thefts.

Smith, 42, follows the example of the head "G" man in that he is a lawyer. Smith was graduated from the University of Kansas in 1920 and Yale university law school in 1922.

Appointed in 1933

He practised law in Kansas City, Kas., until 1932 when he became an assistant attorney general of Kansas. In 1933 crime began to mount steadily in Kansas.

Gov. Alfred M. Landon decided the situation called for action. He selected Smith, wounded twice while a captain in the World war, to organize the highway patrol.

Smith took a dozen members of the highway commission corps of inspectors and several officers from the corporation and vehicle commissions. He added several college graduates and on July 1, 1933, the Kansas state highway patrol numbered 30 members.

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Thorough.
The G-men are certainly thorough. A local newspaper man a couple of months ago wrote to St. Paul for a copy of a paper there to see if an article he submitted had been published. It happened to be the issue containing the news of Alvin Karpis' capture. Two months later a federal agent with a badge called at his house to inquire what his special interest in the Karpis case was.

The journalist's young son first saw the G-man at the door. Overwhelmed he tore back to his mother and guessed he had better consider carefully what he had been doing wrong last week.

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KARPIS HENCHMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN HAMM KIDNAPING

Bartholmey Follows Example
of Gang Chief—Peifer
Lone Defendant

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 15 (AP).—Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, pleaded guilty in Federal Court today to conspiracy charges in connection with the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer.

Alvin Karpis, one time Public Enemy No. 1, pleaded guilty yesterday at the opening of the trial. The pleas left a single defendant, John (Jack) Peifer, St. Paul night club owner, indicted as "fingerman."

Jury Is Completed

A jury was completed yesterday. Hamm was called earlier today to tell of his four days' imprisonment in an Illinois hideout.

Hamm was the first witness on call after the opening statement of George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney.

The Government charges that Peifer received \$10,000 for taking part in the abduction, and that Bartholomew provided his Bensenville, Ill., home as the place where Hamm was held captive.

Aiding the defense are two former Assistant United States District Attorneys in Chicago and a one-time Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. They are Ambrose Finn, also a former Depart-

ment of Justice special agent, and Lloyd C. Moody, both of Chicago, and Samuel B. Wilson of Stankato, formerly head of this State's highest tribunal.

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Hear Karpis Was in Club Cullitan Raided

Alvin Karpis may have been behind one of the machine guns that menaced county prosecutors Jan. 10 when they raided Shimmy Patton's Harvard Club. He was in the place at the time, it was said yesterday by prosecutors in the Criminal Court Building.

"We were told by a reliable person that Karpis spent several days at the club and was there when it was raided," Assistant County Prosecutor Charles J. McNamee said. "But this person may have got the story second-hand. What difference does it make now, anyway?"

At the Cleveland office of the United States Department of Justice, the agent in charge gave the usual G-man's curt "no comments" when asked if his office's information tallied with the report.

Karpis, who was known to have lived on West Side Cleveland at the time, Tuesday pleaded guilty to the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer.

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G-Man's Secret Record Book Is Lost and Found in City

Pages Reported to Concern U. S. Investigation
of Conditions Here Since Harry Campbell
Was Arrested Several Months Ago.

A G-man's secret record has been "lost and found" in Toledo, The Blade learned today.

The records which were on typewritten pages are reported to concern the government's investigation of conditions in Toledo since Harry Campbell, notorious outlaw, was arrested by G-men here several months ago.

The Blade was told that the data was found in a place which had been visited by special investigators who have been assigned to the Toledo district. It was either lost or forgotten by the operatives, it is believed.

After the G-men left, a proprietor of the place found the records and is reported to have turned them over to Bernard E. Woodruff, deputy clerk in municipal court.

Mr. Woodruff, now in New York state on vacation, is said to have turned the records over to J. P. McFarland, Cleveland, head of the G-men who is in charge of this district.

City and county officials were puzzled at the information reputed to be contained in the data. One page is reported to have listed various stores and business places where slot machines are stationed.

It is known that the G-men have been checking closely the activities of certain local officials, questioning their close friends and watching their movements.

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Police Chief Got Share of Ransom, Is Charge

By United Press

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Police officials opened an investigation today of the charge by Byron Bolton, former Barker-Karpis machine gunner, that former Police Chief Tom Brown was "cut in" for a \$25,000 share of the Will Hamm ransom money.

Bolton, waiting sentence in the Hamm kidnaping, made his charge while testifying in the trial of John Pfeiffer, another defendant in the case. Brown had been suspended a few hours earlier, pending investigation.

Bolton was asked by District Attorney Sullivan how the \$100,000 paid for Hamm's release was divided. Bolton said Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and William Fitzgerald, another Barker-Karpis gangster, were present when the loot was split at their Long Lake, Ill., hideout.

"Forty thousand dollars was piled on the floor," Bolton said, "\$10,000 for Pfeiffer, \$25,000 for Tom Brown, \$2500 for Jack Davenport (a Minneapolis underworld character) and \$2500 for another St. Paul man."

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How G-Men Work

U. S. Sleuths Now More Efficient Than Scotland Yard

Justice Department
Handicapped By
Poor Start

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, July 18—
To describe the justice department's investigation bureau as an "American Scotland Yard" exceedingly annoys the G-men.

It is much more efficient than Scotland Yard, they argue.

If a comparison is necessary, they say, they are more like the Canadian Mounted Police.

The bureau got away, to be sure, to a bad start.

Created in 1908, its first advertising was in connection with Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty; William J. Burns, as its director, and Gaston Means, now in the penitentiary.

It has a reputation to live down, certainly.

J. Edgar Hoover's administration, however, has been highly commendable.

Yet it's an innovation.

Previously all federal policing agencies have concerned themselves solely with such offenses as counterfeiting, violations of the excise laws and acts of violence against executives.

Today the citizen whose child is kidnaped; whose automobile is stolen; who loses \$5,000 or more by theft; hundreds of other offenses—has only to reach a telephone and call the regional office of the bureau of investigation.

If he doesn't know the number, he can call National 5303, Washington, D. C.

Losing Glamor

The G-men, however, are losing something of their picturesqueness.

Warfare with the gangsters' flaming guns attracted attention.

And the gangsters are about wiped out. The G-men have consumed the publicity food that they fed on.

Crookedness in bankruptcy proceedings haven't the element to make them page one material in the news papers.

Since the advent of Joseph B. Keenan, Cleveland attorney, as the bureau's prosecuting authority, its authority has been greatly expanded.

During the seventy-third congress 23 laws were enacted to this end.

Several more have been pending in the seventy-fourth congress.

The general trend is toward a legal network which will make it virtually impossible for a person suspected of a serious crime to cross a state line without becoming entangled.



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New Laws

No better summary of the federal bureau of investigation's growth is available than that afforded by the legislation enacted by the seventy-third congress:

Public law No. 16, providing for stenographers in grand jury rooms to make transcripts of evidence available.

Public law No. 74, enabling an officer to arrest a probationer.

Public law No. 217, extending the statute of limitations, where indictments are found defective.

Public law No. 230, killing or

assaulting a federal officer.

Public law No. 231, interstate extortion threats.

Public law No. 232, kidnaping legislation strengthened.

Public law No. 233, fugitive felons.

Public law No. 235, bank robbery.

Public law No. 246, national stolen property act.

Public law No. 266, rewards for capture of criminals or information leading to their arrest.

Public law No. 457, stay of habeas proceedings pending appeal.

It's rather technical, but it shows the drift toward a national police force.

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ALLEGED "CON-MAN" IS CAUGHT



William Elmer Mead (right), charged with violating the postal laws in a \$13,000 deal at Jacksonville, Fla., is seen at Omaha, as Deputy U. S. Marshal Young places handcuffs on him preparatory for a trip to the county jail. Postal inspectors planned to return Mead, described as one of the most notorious "confidence" men in the country, to Florida. (Associated Press photo.)

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BARKER-KARPIS MOB IS CALLED

Most Of Gang Paraded In Peifer Trial

ST. PAUL—(P)—The roll-call of Barker-Karpis mobsters sounded in federal court here Thursday as government witnesses continued testimony in the trial of John (Jack) Peifer, St. Paul night club proprietor charged with conspiracy in the William Hamm kidnaping.

One witness, Mrs. Frank Nash, whose mobster-husband was slain in the Kansas City depot massacre in 1933, described visits with her husband and daughter to Peifer's night club, and of seeing the alleged kidnap conspirator associating with other members of the mob.

She named Alvin Karpis, Arthur (Doc) and Freddie Barker, and Harry Sawyer as among those with whom she saw Peifer at Sawyer's farm near here.

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Fla. Week-End Fishing Trips Now a Reality

Breakfast in Washington and a sailfish fighting on the end of a line in the Gulf Stream off Miami, Fla., before sundown.

This fisherman's dream became a reality last week for a dozen rod and reel enthusiasts of the District when Eastern Air Lines played host on the first all-flying fishing trip from Washington to the Florida inland and off shore fishing spots.

The trip wasn't planned in any sense as attempting to place a damper on the Chesapeake Bay sport for District, Maryland and Virginia fishermen, but rather to show the opportunities to fish the Florida waters at a time when most Northerners feel that the fishing season in the South is past peak.

Heading the party was Charles Jackson, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries, who, despite his knowledge of fish and their habits, found it necessary to stay a day over his allotted leave or to return to Washington the only member of the party without a prized tarpon or sailfish. Other members of the party included C. C. Clark, District supervisor for the Izaak Walton League; Don Carpenter, Charles G. Duffy, Ralph Palmer, Jack Hawley, Kilbourne Castell, Ollie Atlas, Bill Briggs, George Huber, James Irr and J. Hammond Brown.

Land Tarpon

The bayous through the Thousand Island region off Everglades City, on the west coast of Florida, brought the first thrill to most members of the party when the first tarpon, a giant 86 pounder, was hooked after less than 10 minutes fishing in the placid waters of Lopez River.

Hooked was all, for it wasn't until after a fight of more than a half hour that two members of the party succeeded in landing the silver beauty. These river giants clear the water at heights varying from three to five feet in their desperate battle to escape a fisherman's line. They race with express train speed up and down the shallow waters in an effort to break a line or clear a hook and sadly to relate, succeeded in most instances where they were hooked by District fishermen.

Two other tarpon landed and a score or more of strikes with the fish coming off victors, was the score chalked up at the Everglades Rod and Gun Club by members of the party before they hit back over the Tamiami Trail to Miami and deep sea work.

Duffy Wins Medal

Ralph Palmer and Charles Duffy were the recipients of medal awards by the Everglades Club for their catches in the Everglades streams. Incidentally heavily inked scales of tarpon, testifying to the weight and time of their catches, are on the prize panel board in the big lobby of the club house.

The sight of the Everglades river guides casting packed many a thrill to members of the Washington air fishing party. These rugged Floridian rivermen heave heavy mullet baited hooks for record distances.

Sailfish are viewed by visiting fishermen as the most prized of trophies for mounting and as souvenirs of Southern deep sea fishing trips but to the Miami fishing captains a catch of barracuda, well named the "Tiger of the Sea" packs the greatest kick and thrill.

All members of the party bagged their share of barracuda, dolphin,

flto, blue runner and wahoo. Four members of the party, Commissioner Jackson, Bill Briggs, Ollie Atlas and Kilbourne Castell bagged sailfish.

Famous Captain

Briggs and Jackson made their sailfish catches while fishing from the "Music Maid" captained by W. R. Underwood, Miami's most famous fishing master. Hardly a day passed that Captain Underwood isn't heading the fishing fleet back into port with a sailfish flag flying from his rigging.

It was Underwood who piloted Grantland Rice on the trip to the fishing grounds when the sporting film, "Tigers of the Sea," was taken. It is Underwood, too, who numbers among his friends J. Edgar Hoover, G-man No. 1. Underwood piloted his "Music Maid" to the fishing grounds with Hoover as his prize guest when the G-man No. 1 begged the sailfish that now hangs from the wall in his office in the Department of Justice Building.

Incidentally, it was a sailfish that opened the way to Hoover's only friendship, if such it can be termed, with any of the public enemies he has brought before the bar of justice.

When Alvin Karpis, former Public Enemy No. 1, was personally arrested at New Orleans by Hoover the first query Karpis addressed to Hoover was, "How did you get that sailfish at Miami? It was a bigger one than I got."

Karpis Saw Picture

Hoover expressed surprise at the time that Karpis had recognized him and the Midwestern bad man exclaimed, "Oh, yes, I saw your picture with that swell sailfish in the papers."

So, if you have an extra few dollars tucked away and seek the fisherman's supreme thrill, just forget office details for a Saturday morning, hie yourself over to the airport, board a plane for Miami, spend Sunday fishing in the Gulf Stream and take the Sunday night plane back to Washington.

"You'll be at your desk bright and early Monday morning with many an exciting story of fishing off the Florida Coast. Remember there isn't any closed season on deep sea fishing.

However, just a word to the wise, make your reservation for both the North and South bound trips in advance. This Florida fishing is catching on, will soon be one of the most popular of week-end pastimes and plane seats will be at a premium. Besides during the time that the mercury soared over the century mark the thermometer readings were around 85 in Miami.

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- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss



THEY CAUGHT 'EM!—Members of the fishing party that flew to Florida for a few days of sport last week. (Left to right) Front row—Don Carpenter, Charles G. Duffy, Kilbourne Castell, Deputy U. S. Fish Commissioner Charles Jackson, G. C. Clark and Bill Briggs. Back row—Buddy Underwood, Ollie Atlas and Capt. W. Underwood, master of the Music Maid. The sailfish was caught by Commissioner Jackson. Other fish include grouper, dolphin and barracuda.

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