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Karpis Aide Kills Self in Cell

ST. PAUL, July 31 (U.S.).
Two hours after being sentenced
to jail for 30 years, for his part
in the \$100,000 William Hamm,
Jr., kidnaping, John Peiffer, night
club owner, killed himself with
poison in his cell today.

Peiffer, who throughout his
trial declared his innocence, was
white-faced and mute as Federal
Judge Joyce pronounced sentence
this morning. He almost fainted
as he was led away.

Guards heard a thud in his
cell, rushed in and found Peiffer
dead on the floor. Sheriff Tom
Gibbons said the poison, which
Peiffer apparently had smuggled
in some time ago, worked with
lightning speed.

Alvin Karpis, public enemy who
pleaded guilty to the kidnaping,
told Judge Joyce Peiffer had no
part in the sensational abduction
at the time he was given a
life sentence.

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ST. PAUL DISPATCH

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BREMER CASE CITED

The Federal government may, it was learned today through authoritative sources, reopen the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

Although once considered closed with the disposal of 22 indictments in the case, it was understood that a Federal grand jury will be called to consider evidence against another possible conspirator.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, declined to comment on the report.

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Minneapolis Journal

8-2-36

BREMER KIDNAPING REOPENED

Report U. S. Set to Bare New Angles

Federal Grand Jury Ex-
pected to Get New
Evidence Soon

Peifer Rites Monday—
Source of Death Poison
Still A Mystery

The once "closed" Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case was being investigated anew last night by J. Edgar Hoover's G-men and, it was learned, may be "cracked open" again with presentation of evidence to a federal grand jury against at least one additional conspirator believed to live in St. Paul.

An authoritative source reported inquiry into the \$200,000 abduction of the St. Paul banker in 1934 was again under way, although numerous Barker-Karpis gangsters are serving time for the crime and it had been generally believed entirely cleared up.

Developments Saturday in-
cluded:

Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger and "connec-
tion" of hoodlums from all
parts of the country, is re-
ported ready to talk at Al-
catraz penitentiary, where he
is serving life in the Bremer
kidnaping.

Daily reports of policemen
and detectives of 1933 and
1934 were being scrutinized
and checked in detail with re-
ports of an undercover inves-
tigator who was active in St.
Paul at that time. Existence of
this sheaf of reports was dis-
closed for the first time Sat-
urday outside a very small
circle.

Telephone call records and
airplane passenger reports
were being checked in connec-
tion with two or three St. Paul
persons.

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St. Paul city officials, preparing dismissal charges against Detective Thomas A. Brown, former police chief, were reported to have accumulated a mass of data, including some "surprise" information.

A statement, credited to Volpey Davis, member of the kidnap mob, while he was in custody in St. Paul, implicating a St. Paul man in activities of the gang was being checked and was to be checked with Davis at Alcatraz penitentiary.

"No comment" was the reply of George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, when he was asked to confirm the understanding a federal grand jury, will hear the supposed new evidence at an early date.

The report that Sawyer is ready to talk about his knowledge of gang activities in St. Paul came from the fact his letters from prison indicate he is dissatisfied with his confinement there and bitter over his situation.

Peifer Rites Tomorrow

Meanwhile, arrangements were being made for burial tomorrow of John (Jack) Peifer, who died of self-administered poison less than two hours after his sentence of 30 years Friday as a conspirator in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping.

Services will be at 9 a.m., tomorrow in Sunset Memorial Park chapel. The body is at Gill Brothers funeral chapel, 1414 Laurel avenue. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

Hunt Poison Source

After checking more than a score of St. Paul pharmacies during the day, Sheriff Tom Gibbons of Ramsey county was still without knowledge last night of where Peifer, former St. Paul gambler and night club operator, obtained the quick-acting poison that brought his death in the Ramsey jail.

Investigation of the suicide by
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Bremer Kidnaping Case is Reopened; U. S. Takes Hand

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the prison bureau at Washington also was a possibility. Bureau officials told the Associated Press they were awaiting a report from U. S. Marshal John J. Farrell to ascertain whether Peifer was in custody of Farrell's deputies when he swallowed the poison.

*Contents of the suicide's stomach were sent to Dr. Edgar Brown, University of Minnesota pharmacologist, for further examination to corroborate the preliminary findings of Dr. C. A. Ingerson, Ramsey county coroner, and associates as to nature of the poison. Dr. Ingerson said it would be several days before the report would be ready.

Anyone who provided Peifer with the poison he used in his self-destruction is liable to prosecution for manslaughter, Michael F. Kinkhead, Ramsey county attorney, pointed out last night.

Conviction on a charge of giving poison to another for use in suicide could carry a five to 20 year term, under state law. Purchases of poison must be registered by pharmacists.

G-Men Escorting Alvin Karpis to Alcatraz, Report

By Associated Press
LAWRENCE, Kan., Aug. 4.—A heavily-barred railroad coach, attached to the west-bound Union Pacific train, led to the conjecture today that Alvin Karpis might be on his way to Alcatraz island prison from Leavenworth federal penitentiary.

Federal and railroad officials refused to answer inquiries concerning the convicted Bremer kidnaper, and declined to say if other desperadoes were being transferred to the San Francisco bay region.

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**REPORT KARPIS ON WAY
TO ALCATRAZ PRISON**

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 4.—(P)—An armored railroad car, reported reliably to be carrying Alvin Karpis, confessed Bremer kidnaper, and nineteen other prisoners to Alcatraz federal prison, in San Francisco bay, passed through Topeka today attached to a regular Union Pacific passenger train. Federal officials declined to comment.

The car was attached to the train at Lawrence, Kas., after leaving the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, where Karpis was committed several weeks ago.

Karpis is under life sentence for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul (Minn.) banker.

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

August 4, 1936

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS

AUG 5 1936

**KARPIS REPORTED
ON WAY TO ALCATRAZ.**

Denver, Aug. 4.—(P)—A Federal prisoner's slight nod to a bystander's query was the only visible evidence that Alvin Karpis, ex-No. 1 public enemy, was being taken through here tonight en route to Alcatraz Island prison in California.

An armored prison car attached to a Union Pacific train which arrived in Denver about 6:35 P. M., more than five hours late, held nineteen prisoners. The half-dozen prison guards who swarmed out the vestibules as the train slowed to a stop were silent on questions regarding Karpis and Thomas Robinson Jr., sentenced in the Stoll kidnapping case to Atlanta prison and later removed to Leavenworth.

One of the prisoners at an open window will be closed for the rest aboard. He nodded his head in the affirmative in a very brief movement before a guard rushed up.

"You do any talking and that window will be closed for the rest of the trip," the guard told the prisoner.

Trainmen said the car was picked up Monday night at Lawrence, Kan.

In addition to the half-dozen Federal prison guards who patrolled the railroad station platform alongside the coach while it was stopped here, four special agents of the Union Pacific railroad stood at the car steps.

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ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

AUG 5 1936

Link Brown To Bremer Kidnaping

'Tipping' Of Fingerman Is Charged

Ouster Order Also Ac-
cuses Him Of Other
"Leaks;" Detective De-
nies Guilt.

Thomas Brown, suspended police
detective, today was named in a sec-
ond kidnaping, as formal charges
and notice of dismissal were placed
in the hands of the sheriff for serv-
ice on him.

Previously mentioned as having
acted as a tipster of police moves in
the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping,
Mr. Brown in the formal charges
completed today by City Attorney
John L. Connolly is named as con-
spirator not only in that crime, but
in the kidnaping of Edward G.
Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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St. Paul Ousts Ex-Police Chief as Gang Aide

St. Paul, Minn. - (AP) - Thomas Brown, former St. Paul police chief, Wednesday was charged in a police department order dismissing him as a detective with actual participation in the conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm, jr., and Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer and banker, respectively.

The discharge papers, given to the sheriff's office for service on Brown, charge that Brown, a member of the police kidnap detail in the Hamm and Bremer abductions, "wilfully and unlawfully conspired" with Alvin Karpis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Ziegler, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Byron Bolton, Edwin C. Bartholmey and Elmer Farmer in the Hamm kidnaping.

Bungled Orders, Claim

The order, signed by Gus Barfuss, public safety commissioner, further charges that Brown failed to carry out properly the order of the then chief of police, Thomas Dahill, in investigating the identity of occupants of a residence on Vernon av., labeled as the headquarters of the Barker-Karpis mob, members of which have been convicted of both crimes.

The dismissal papers also link Brown with the Bremer abduction on Jan. 17, 1934. The order claims that Brown, together with Karpis, Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harry Alderton, William Weaver, Byron Bolton, Fred Goetz and Harry Sawyer, "conspired to kidnap Edward G. Bremer," who paid \$200,000 ransom.

Charge Tip-Off to Gang

The papers further allege that Brown disclosed confidential information as to the movements of the police department to Sawyer, now serving a life term in Alcatraz prison as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Brown was suspended July 17, when accusations were made against him by Bolton, testifying in the trial of John Peifer, who subsequently was found guilty of conspiracy in the Hamm kidnaping. After conviction Peifer took poison and died in his cell.

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AUGUST 5, 1936

INDIANAPOLIS STAR
August 5, 1936

KARPIS, ROBINSON BOUND FOR ISLAND

DENVER, Col., Aug. 4.—(AP)—A Federal prisoner's slight nod to a bystander's query was the only visible evidence that Alvin Karpis, former No. 1 public enemy, was being taken through here tonight en route to Alcatraz island prison in California.

An armored prison car attached to a Union Pacific train which arrived in Denver tonight more than five hours late, held nineteen prisoners. The half dozen prison guards who swarmed out of the vestibules as the train slowed to a stop were silent on questions regarding Karpis and Thomas Robinson Jr., sentenced in the Stoll kidnaping case to Atlanta prison and later removed to Leavenworth.

Prisoner Nods Reply.

One of the prisoners at an open window was asked if the two were aboard. He nodded his head in the affirmative in a very brief movement before a guard rushed up.
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dow will be closed for the rest of the trip," the guard told the prisoner.

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Alvin Karpis' Private Car, containing nearly a score of public enemies, passed thru Denver last day night on the way to San Francisco, where the whole gang will be placed in Alcatraz prison. This picture of the heavily guarded car was taken at the union station. The upper arrow points to the barred emergency window. The lower arrow shows the windows covered with heavy mesh wire. The men in the picture are guards who watch the prisoners day and night.



THE DENVER POST
Denver, Colo.
August 5, 1936
Managing Editor E. C. Day

Bold Bandit Karpis Cowed in Visit Here On His Way to Prison

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

Alvin Karpis, once America's "public enemy No. 1" and kidnaper extraordinary, was a Denver visitor Tuesday.

It wasn't long ago that the name of Karpis was synonymous with cruel cunning and enterprising machine-gun banditry. The name struck terror to the hearts of even strong men as he reamed the land, leader of one of the most ruthless gangs ever to flourish in America.

Karpis didn't look like a bold desperado when he came to Denver Tuesday aboard an armored, steel-barred railway car on his way to Alcatraz prison. He looked about like a cowed dog, cringing at the end of a leash.

Twenty other federal prisoners, classed as incorrigibles, captured recently by G-men, accompanied Karpis on his jaunt to the prison near San Francisco where Uncle Sam maintains the strictest of discipline.

One of these was believed to be James Robinson Jr., sentenced recently to life for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

FRUITS OF CRIME SHOWN TO BE BITTER

It was a gloomy car with a gloomy cargo. It would have been a good thing for all the potential public enemies to see. It would have made them realize how bitter are the fruits of crime.

The Leavenworth penitentiary prison car was attached to a Union Pacific train at Lawrence, Kan. Due to arrive here about 1:30 p. m., it was delayed five hours and was routed by way of Colorado Springs.

The train stopped a half hour and then departed for San Francisco where the prisoners will be transferred to Alcatraz.

Every conceivable precaution was taken to guard the prisoners. Newspapermen could approach only to within ten feet of the car. As soon as the train stopped, four prison guards stepped out and paced up and down, eyeing all spectators.

resignation. His companion, presumably Robinson, who sat further back, did not even stir.

It will be many long years before they leave Alcatraz. They may spend the rest of their lives there unless they are model prisoners and earn the right to be transferred to another institution. Both are under life sentences.

TEN ARMED GUARDS INSIDE OF CAR

Ten other armed guards remained inside the car. The prisoners, held to their seats by leg irons, were given their food inside.

At one end of the car was a compartment, where the blurry outline of Karpis could be distinguished. The man sitting beside him was believed to be Robinson. A guard stood at the compartment entrance.

The guards were noncommittal. asked if Karpis and Robinson were together, one replied:

"I heard the Cards licked the Cubs today. Is that right?"

"We can't talk, buddy," another said. "I wouldn't get too close to that car if I were you."

The rest of the car was like an ordinary Pullman, except for the steel bars and the steel-meshed grating. The prisoners sat facing each other. Some looked out eagerly as if hoping to see a familiar face.

KARPIS SITS WITH LOWERED HEAD

One prisoner confirmed the fact that Karpis was in the compartment by nodding his head slightly to a reporter's query. He started to say something then but was hushed immediately by a guard.

Karpis sat with lowered head. He didn't even look out. Everything about him suggested defeat and

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DENVER ROCKY MT. NEWS
Denver, Colo.
Forest Davis, Editor
8-5-36

Al Karpis Pays 'Visit' to Denver

Train Taking Hamm Kid- naper to Alcatraz Stops for Brief Time Here

A federal prisoner's slight nod to a reporter's query was the only indication that Alvin Karpis, sentenced in St. Paul in the Hamm kidnaping case, was aboard a railway prison car which stopped in Denver for a few moments Tuesday night while en route to Alcatraz Island prison in California.

The car, attached to a Union Pacific train which arrived in Denver at 6:35 p. m., more than five hours late, held 19 prisoners, but the half-dozen prison guards that swarmed out of the vestibules as the train slowed to a stop were silent on questions regarding Karpis and Thomas Robinson Jr., sentenced in the Stoll kidnaping case at Louisville, Ky.

"I don't even know them," was the reply one guard made when asked if the men were aboard.

Altho neither Karpis nor Robinson were recognized among the men visible in the car, a reporter asked one of the prisoners at an open window if the two were aboard. He nodded his head in the affirmative in a very brief movement before a guard stepped up and ended attempts at conversation.

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St. Paul Ousts Ex-Police Chief In Kidnap Case

Brown Will Not Be Prosecuted, U. S. Attorney Says After Discharge.

St. Paul, Aug. 5 (AP).—Thomas A. Brown, a former police chief, was discharged from the police department today in an order signed by Public Safety Commissioner Gus Barfuss, which charged him with abetting Karpis-Barker gang plots that sprouted two of the Nation's major kidnappings.

Told he had been dismissed, Brown stated: "I have nothing further to say." Last night he issued a blanket denial of the accusations. Barfuss' notification accused Brown of conveying confidential information of police activities to Harry Sawyer, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz Federal Prison as the "finger man" in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnapping.

Kidnap Detail Member.

Brown, at the time of the abduction, was a member of the police kidnap detail.

The notification further charged him with "willfully and unlawfully conspiring" with Alvin Karpis and his gang in the \$100,000 William Hamm, jr., abduction.

Recalling the testimony of Government witnesses in the Peifer trial, John J. Peifer committed suicide in jail after receiving a 30-year sentence last week—the order continued:

Charges Listed.

"Statements made by witnesses in the case have been fully investigated and as a result you are hereby discharged for inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance and malfeasance in the performance of your duties."

George Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the Federal government did not plan to prosecute Brown for either the Hamm or Bremer abduction.

"The Hamm case is outlawed by the statute of limitations and we don't plan prosecution of Brown in the Bremer case," said Sullivan.

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Karpis Grins at Crowd; On Train for Alcatraz

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 5 (P).—Alvin Karpis acted "like a man on a picnic" as a railway prison car taking him to Alcatraz Island Prison switched through Ogden yards today.

With him were 19 other Federal prisoners headed from Leavenworth to Alcatraz. Karpis flattened his nose against a window, then arose, grinning at curious railroad men.

The kidnaper revealed he was handcuffed. He smiled broadly. A guard strolled up.

"He's there, all right," the guard said. "Acts like he's going on a picnic."

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WASHINGTON POST
AUG 6, 1936

Karpis on Way To U. S. Prison

OGDEN, Utah, Aug. 5 (U.P.)
Waving and smiling through an
open window of a prison car,
Alvin Karpis, sentenced in the
Hamm kidnaping in St. Paul,
passed through Ogden today en
route to the Federal prison on
Alcatraz Island in San Francisco
Bay. Nineteen other prisoners also
were in the car.

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WASHINGTON HERALD

AUGUST 6, 1936

San Francisco EXAMINER
August 6, 1936

ALCATRAZ GETS KARPIS TODAY

Twenty new Federal prisoners, aboard a railway prison car, are expected to be landed at Alcatraz prison today.

Among the twenty is Alvin Karpis, killer and kidnaper, captured by Federal agents in New Orleans on May 1.

As the prison car was switched through the Ogden, Utah yards yesterday, the notorious Hamm kidnaper flattened his nose against a window. He grinned at a group of curious railroad men when one of them asked:

"How are you?"

The felon from St. Paul, Minn., arose and raising his hands, revealing he was securely manacled, smiled broadly and nodded his head.

"He's there, all right," a heavily armed guard standing nearby said. "He acts like he is going on a picnic."

Roaring through the night, the rolling prison is expected to be put on a special ferry when it arrives in Oakland today.

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KARPIS NEARS ALCATRAZ PRISON.
 OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 6.—Heavily shackled to the seats of their prison car, Alvin Karpis, erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, and 19 other felons bound for Alcatraz Prison arrived here today under heavy guard. They will be taken to the island prison by launch.

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Minneapolis Star
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Brown May Face Trial on Kidnap Charge

STATE TO PUSH CASE IF DIRECT EVIDENCE FOUND

Deposed St. Paul Police Chief to Answer Dismissal

Detective Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul chief of police, dismissed Wednesday on charges he conspired with the Karpis-Barke gang in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings and supplied confidential information to the gang, may be tried on state kidnapping charges.

Michael F. Kinkead, Ramsey county attorney, said today that "direct evidence" is found connecting Brown with the two kidnapping state criminal charges will be filed against him.

G-Men Co-operating

"We are in touch with the situation and if any direct evidence developed we will act," Kinkead said. The federal bureau of investigation is co-operating with us.

George F. Sullivan, U. S. district attorney, said the federal government does not plan to prosecute Brown. "The Hamm case is outlawed by the statute of limitation and we don't intend to try him in the Bremer case," Sullivan said.

Brown to Answer Charges

L. L. Anderson, Brown's attorney, said he will file an answer to the charges within 10 days and will demand a hearing before the statutory board of appeals.

Anderson said he had not yet seen a copy of the charges. If the board of appeals sustains the dismissal, Brown may appeal to the Ramsey county district court, Anderson said.

Maintaining his innocence of the charges, Brown said: "I ask that the public await submission of the evidence before prejudging my alleged guilt."

The charges were served on Brown by Sheriff Thomas Gibbons. The long bill of particulars was drafted by St. Paul City Attorney John L. Connolly, signed by Police Commissioner Gus H. Barfuss.

New Allegations Opened

The papers opened new allegations of Brown's alleged connection with the kidnap gang which extorted \$300,000 ransom from William Hamm, Jr., and Edward J. Bremer. First evidence of the alleged complicity came in testimony of Byron Bolton, government witness in the trial of John P. (Jack) Peifer, who declared he overheard Harry Sawyer, Bremer fingerman, say that \$25,000 had been split with Brown for advising the gang of police moves.

Neglect of Duty Cited

The dismissal order charges Brown with neglect of duty, misconduct, inefficiency, misfeasance, malfeasance and breach of duty as an employee of the city. With reference to the Hamm case the order says:

"That on the 19th day of June, 1933, you failed to properly carry out the order of your superior, Thomas E. Dahill, chief of police of the city of St. Paul, to investigate the action, conduct and identity of the occupant of a residence at 204 Vernon avenue in the city of St. Paul, said premises being occupied at said time by some of the persons who participated in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr."

Disclosures Charged

With reference to the Bremer case the order read:

"That on Jan. 22, 1934, in violation of orders, you disclosed confidential information to the effect that the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer had delivered ransom notes through the window of Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue, St. Paul, Minn."

"That on or about the 24th of January, 1934, you disclosed confidential police information in violation of orders to one Harry Sandlovich, alias Harry Sawyer, as to the movements of the police department of the city of St. Paul and the federal government in attempts to apprehend the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer."

The proceedings against Brown are not criminal in nature, but are merely departmental proceedings outlining the reasons for his discharge. If he succeeds in refuting the charges to the satisfaction of the St. Paul civil service commission, he may be reinstated.

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The End of Crime's Trail

The trail of payment for crime becomes more clearly marked as the days go by. Behind the barred windows of an armored railway car, the other day, ALVIN KARPIS was reported traveling from Leavenworth to Alcatraz—the route that climaxes the trail of kidnapper after kidnapper, as result of the activities of the G-men. And on the same day, in Oklahoma City, BEN B. LASKA started for Leavenworth to begin serving a ten year sentence—there or in Alcatraz—for taking part of the ransom paid by URSCHEL to kidnappers whom LASKA defended.

It has taken two years to put LASKA behind prison bars. To the task of escaping the toils of the law, LASKA applied every device he could summon, worming out technicality after technicality, as he had done when he gave legal counsel to criminals to help them cheat the law. As he surrendered, he declared he felt sure of parole. "Lawyers all over the Country are working for me," he said.

Of course, this assertion applies only to lawyers of loose ethics whose looser thinking blinds them to the line between decent practice of their profession, and implication in the crime for which their clients are tried. LASKA had to have his pay for defending the kidnappers, and the money had to come out of their ransom loot. How otherwise can criminals pay their bills, with crime their only means of livelihood? LASKA's conviction and his futile fight in higher courts to escape punishment prove that.

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Alvin Karpis, the brutal murderer of the sheriff of Howell county, is now in Alcatraz prison on the Pacific coast and the awful crime in the Ozarks will go unpunished. Karpis will want to remain in prison for a few years anyway until the murder witnesses are out of the way. Then he may get a pardon, depending on how much influence his friends can command or buy.

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INDIANAPOLIS STAR
August 6, 1936

FORMER ST. PAUL POLICE CHIEF FIRED

Thomas Brown Is Charged
With Abetting Karpis-
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ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Thomas A. Brown, a former police chief, was discharged from the police department today in an order signed by Public Safety Commissioner Gus Barfuss, which charged him with abetting Karpis-Barker gang plots that sprouted two of the nation's major kidnappings.

A smile and a "how are you" was Brown's reply when told he had been dismissed. "I have nothing further to say." Only last night he had issued a blanket denial of the accusations.

Sheriff Given Order.

The sheriff was given the dismissal order to serve on Brown, who was suspended from his post as head of the automobile theft division, during the recent Hamm kidnaping trial of the late John J. (Jack) Peifer.

Barfuss' notification accused Brown of conveying confidential information of police activities to Harry Sawyer, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz Federal prison as the "finger man" in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Brown, at the time of the abduction, was a member of the police klumper detail.

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Ex-Chief Ousted as Karpis Plotter

ST. PAUL, Aug. 5. (AP)—Thomas Brown, former St. Paul police chief, today was charged in a police department order dismissing him as a detective with actual participation in the conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer and banker, respectively.

The discharge papers charge that Brown, member of the police kidnap detail in the Hamm and Bremer abductions, conspired with Alvin Karpis, Arthur ("Doc") Barker, Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Ziegler; Charles J. Fitzgerald, Byron Bolton, Edwin G. Bartholmey and Elmer Farmer in the Hamm kidnaping.

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August 6, 1936

Karpis' Alcatraz Trip a 'Picnic'

OGDEN, Utah, Aug. 5. — (AP) — Swarthy Alvin Karpis, former public enemy No. 1, acted "like a man on a picnic" as a railway prison car taking him to Alcatraz Island prison switched through Ogden yards today. With him were nineteen other federal prisoners.

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KARPIS ENTERS PRISON ON ISLAND OF ALCATRAZ

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 6.—
—Alcatraz prison doors opened to-
day for Kidnaper Alvin Karpis and
other federal convicts.
The prisoners were unloaded at
Oakland from a heavily guarded
railroad car on which they were
brought from Leavenworth prison
and ferried to Alcatraz island in
San Francisco bay. Guards allowed
no one near the convicts.

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

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Alcatraz Gates Close on Karpis And Campbell

Attorney to Seek Transfer
of Robinson to Institution
for Care of Insane.

San Francisco, Aug. 6 (AP).—Alvin Karpis, last of the so-called "big shot" kidnapers to go through the Government's new crime-smashing machine, was locked up in grim Alcatraz Prison tonight.

With him to the bleak rock in San Francisco Bay went two of his erstwhile companions, Harry Campbell and Charles J. Fitzgerald.

An iron-barred railway coach brought the Karpis gangsters and 17 other Federal prisoners—including three men convicted in connection with the Kansas City Union Station massacre—into Oakland this morning after a three-day journey from Leavenworth Penitentiary in Kansas.

Surrounded by heavily armed guards and cloaked in the secrecy that always attends new arrivals to the prison, the convicts were moved to a launch and sent off to the island.

Prison Population 270.

The new prisoners were ordered to take baths and await the dressing-in process, which Johnston said would require several days.

Karpis, who was captured in New Orleans May 1 after eluding Federal pursuers for many months, is under a life sentence, having pleaded guilty to conspiring to kidnap William Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

Fitzgerald is under sentence for the same crime. Campbell was a companion of Karpis during the latter's long flight from the law. He was the last of the gang to be taken.

Arrival of the 20 increased the Alcatraz convict population to about 270. Its other inmates include Scarface Al Capone, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Harvey Bailey and a score of other former Midwestern gangsters.

Seeks Robinson Transfer.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 6 (AP).—Clem W. Huggins, Louisville attorney, said today he will attempt to compel the Government to transfer Thomas H. Robinson, jr., serving a life prison term for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, to an asylum for treatment of mental disorders.

Huggins, who successfully defended Robinson's father and wife here on charges of complicity in the kidnaping, said he would file a habeas corpus petition in the Federal Court of the district in which Robinson, jr., was imprisoned. He said he was unable to ascertain where Robinson, jr., was confined. The Department of Justice said at Washington today that Robinson was in Leavenworth Prison, where he was transferred after being taken to Atlanta from here when he pleaded guilty last May.

Huggins said he will offer evidence that Robinson, jr., who formerly was an inmate of an asylum in Tennessee, was insane at the time of the kidnaping in October, 1934.

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Karpis and Aide Enter Alcatraz for Life Terms

ALCATRAZ PRISON, Aug. 6. (UP) Alvin Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, last of the big-time bad men, were brought here today to serve life terms for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

They were brought here from Leavenworth Prison with eighteen other less publicized public enemies including Charles J. Fitzgerald, also convicted in the Hamm kidnaping after his arrest in Los Angeles.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES
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KARPIS TO ALCATRAZ FOR LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—(Universal Service.)—The last chapter in a tale of murder, kidnaping and robbery was written today when Alvin Karpis, one-time Public Enemy No. 1, and two of his lieutenants were whisked into Alcatraz prison for life.

The three — Karpis, Harry (Limpy) Campbell and Charles J. Fitzgerald—were among twenty heavily manacled Federal prisoners who arrived at the Oakland mole this morning after a three-day journey from Leavenworth penitentiary in Kansas.

As the iron-barred railway coach drew into the mole, it was immediately surrounded by armed guards. The prisoners were herded into a waiting launch which sped through the early morning fog to "The Rock."

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THE HELENA DAILY INDEPENDENT

HELENA, MONTANA.

AUGUST 7, 1936.

EX-CHIEF OF POLICE IN ST. PAUL IS FIRED

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Brown issued a blanket denial of the accusations of conspiracy but the charges ultimately were dismissed.

George Sullivan, United States district attorney, said the federal government does not plan to prosecute Brown.

ON WAY TO ALCATRAZ

Reno, Nev., Aug. 5.—(P)—A prison coach bearing Alvin Karpis, convicted kidnaper, and other federal prisoners left Reno at 10:50 p. m., Pacific Standard time, tonight, bound for Oakland, Calif. The prisoners are being taken to Alcatraz federal prison on San Francisco bay.

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Alcatraz Warden James A. Johnston declined to name any of the new prisoners, but said the group included three of the Karpis gang.

Arrival of the 20 increased the Alcatraz convict population to about 270. Its other inmates include Scarface Al Capone, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Harvey Bates and a score of their former Midwestern gangsters.

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Managing Editor E. C. Day

EMPTY GAS CANS AND ALLIGATOR TRAPPED BARKER-KARPIS GANG

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

Chicago, Aug. 7.—(Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)—The real story of the relentless detective work done by federal agents in capturing the Barker-Karpis kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was told Friday by D. M. Ladd, head of the Chicago office of the federal bureau of investigation, in an address before a luncheon club.

Ladd said that inasmuch as Alvin Karpis, the last of the gang, had entered Alcatraz prison Thursday to serve a life sentence, he felt at liberty to speak.

Ladd asserted that when this case was concluded the bureau had solved every kidnaping that occurred following passage of the federal kidnap law.

"When Bremer was questioned by agents, following his release at the end of twenty-two days of captivity and upon payment of \$200,000 ransom," Ladd said, "he recalled that there had been four large gasoline cans in the back of the car where he lay blindfolded."

"At about mid-point in the journey, which lasted approximately twelve hours, Bremer told us, the automobile pulled on to a graveled side road, the cans were removed and their contents poured into the gas tank of the car. The cans were not returned. That was our clue."

"We computed the approximate distance a car could travel in twelve hours, found the approximate half-way point of the trip and drew a circle around St. Paul on a map. Agents then covered that entire area looking for the cans. They were found after seven days search."

Ladd related that an examination of these cans revealed a finger print of Arthur (Doc) Barker, a leader of the notorious mob, and search for members of his gang immediately was begun.

In the following months, he said, some of the gang's women were found in Chicago and their apartments raided. The women and "Doc" Barker were captured, Russell Gibson, a diamond thief, was killed and information was found that other members of the gang were in Florida.

"This was true in the Dillinger case as well as in all others," Ladd asserted. "There was no shoot-to-kill order in the Dillinger case. He drew his gun and made a break to get away before he was shot."

HUNT LAUNCHED FOR BIG ALLIGATOR

"But all we had to go on," Ladd continued, "was that the gangsters were living near a Florida lake in which there was an alligator named 'Big Joe.' Agents took up the task of covering the whole state until they finally found the alligator."

In the subsequent raid on a cottage near the lake, Fred and "Ma" Barker, the latter the "brains" of the gang, were killed in a six-hour battle with federal agents, Ladd related.

He declared that in spite of all rumors to the contrary, "shoot to kill orders" never have been issued to federal agents. He said federal men do not draw their guns until the

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INSIDE STORY OF KIDNAPERS CAPTURE BARED

D. M. Ladd Reveals How
Bremer Abductors Were
Trailed; Oil Cans First Clue

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker who paid \$200,000 ransom for his release, lay blindfold on the floor of his kidnapers' car during a twelve-hour ride. All he could tell was that there were four large cans of gasoline beside him, that the car stopped frequently and that as the cans were used they were thrown away.

On the first anniversary of the arrest of the first member of the Barker-Karpis gang which kidnaped Bremer, D. M. Ladd, chief of the G-men in Chicago, told the Kiwanis Club yesterday at the Bal Tabarin how the case was solved from this beginning.

CIRCLE ABOUT CITY.

"We drew an arc around St. Paul embracing the distance that could be covered in an automobile in twelve hours," he said. "Then we launched a painstaking search of all routes, looking for the discarded gasoline cans. In a week the cans were located; one had a fingerprint on it.

"We discovered that the print was that of Arthur ("Doc") Barker. From that moment on, we knew whom we wanted. The next step was tracing the gangsters. We started by locating four North Side apartments in Chicago where women members lived.

MEET IN FLATS.

"Members of the gang used two of these flats as meeting places. Federal agents watched them, disguised as students. When we heard the gangsters were leaving town, we raided at once. Residents of the apartments were notified by house telephone to stay indoors.

"All but one person in the gang headquarters walked out with hands up. The recalcitrant member, Russell Gibson, wearing a bullet-proof vest, went out the back door with a Browning sub-machine gun, spraying 900 shots a minute. We got him with the same weapon."

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Karpis Arrives at Alcatraz Cell

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Karpis was one of twenty federal felons to arrive at the island prison.

Taken from a special caged car on a transcontinental train at Oakland, they were convoyed under a heavy guard of Department of Justice agents to a launch, and disappeared into the heavy fog over San Francisco Bay.

Warden James A. Johnston confirmed the arrival of the prisoners, although he refused to confirm that Karpis was among them.

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HOW U. S. SOLVED BREMER CASE IS BARED BY G-MAN

Gas Cans and an Alligator Led Agents to Gang.

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Cans Found After Search.

"We computed the approximate distance a car could travel in 12 hours, found the approximate half-way point of the trip and drew a circle around St. Paul on a map. Agents found the cans after seven days.

"An examination of the cans revealed a fingerprint of Arthur [Doc] Barker, a leader of the gang.

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8-10-36

Sawyer's Lawyer Asks Extension Of Time

Request for extension of time in which to file appeal notice of the conviction of Harry Sawyer, one-time St. Paul underworld kingpin, was made in United States circuit court here today by Eugene O'Sullivan, Omaha attorney. George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, opposed the request, decision on which was taken under advisement by Federal Judges John B. Sanborn and Wilbur F. Booth.

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Al Karpis' Car Still Tagless

John Karpavics, 50, of 2842 N. Francisco av., father of Alvin Karpis, kidnap-gangster, received a second continuance to August 21 today when he was arraigned in Traffic Court on a charge of failure to obtain state and city licenses for Alvin's car, which he is using. Attorney Henry A. Blair told the court there had been a delay in the secretary of state's office in issuing a license because of difficulty in establishing title to the car, which was turned over to Karpavics by the federal government.

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**JUDGE STRIKES CAMERA
TO GUARD KARPIS' FATHER**

Chicago, Aug. 11.—(P)—A request that photographers refrain from taking pictures of John Karpavicz, 50 years old, father of the convicted kidnaper Alvin Karpis, when Karpavicz appeared in traffic court, was enforced by Judge Frank M. Padden personally today.

A cameraman who apparently had not heard Judge Padden's order raised his camera to snap a picture. Judge Padden swung around in his chair and knocked the camera from his hands.

Karpavicz, a janitor, was granted a continuance to August 21 on a charge of failure to obtain state and city licenses for his automobile, which was turned over to him by his notorious son, now serving time for the kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer.

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ACCUSED—Tom Brown, former St. Paul police chief, who was dismissed as a detective by an official order which linked him with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, and Edward Bremer, banker, in 1934. He was charged with conspiring with Alvin Karpis.

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ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

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Karpis' Mother Sues "Time" For Libel

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The suit charges the May 4 issue of the magazine libeled Mrs. Karpavicz by reporting that she "did time in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma prisons."

Mrs. Karpavicz denied ever having been in prison or in the states mentioned.

Karpis was convicted of kidnaping Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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ST. PAUL DISPATCH

AUG 14 1936

Tom Brown Files Dismissal Appeal

Demands He Be Heard in Ouster Case

**Charges Linking Him With
Kidnapings 'General and In-
definite,' He Says.**

Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul chief of police, served notice today of appeal of his dismissal from the police department.

He is charged with participating in the kidnapings of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, and with disclosing confidential information in connection with those crimes.

Brown demanded a hearing before a statutory board of appeal provided by law to hear and pass upon causes of dismissal of St. Paul civil service employees. The notice was served on Gus Barfuss, commissioner of public safety, who signed the charges and dismissal orders; on Mayor Gehan's office and on the City Council. It was signed by Brown and Lewis L. Anderson, former St. Paul corporation counsel, Brown's attorney.

The notice asserted that the charges against Brown are "general and indefinite" and demanded that they be clarified. Specific information was demanded particularly on two allegations, that the former police officer disclosed information that a milk bottle containing a ransom message was thrown through a window in the residence of Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue, in connection with the Bremer case, and that he disclosed confidential police information to Harry Sawyer, now serving a life sentence for the Bremer abduction.

The board appointed today is: Walter Ryan, representing the mayor; H. W. Austin, city purchasing agent representing the council and John Probst, civil service commissioner.

The board must meet within ten days and set a date for the hearing, which must start within the following 30 days.

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**KARPIS' MOTHER
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The suit, filed by Henry Allen Blair, Chicago attorney, charges the May fourth issue of the magazine libeled Mrs. Karpavicz by reporting that she "Did time in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma prisons."

Mrs. Karpavicz denied ever have been in prison or in the states mentioned.

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Officer Fights St. Paul Ouster

St. Paul, Minn. (P)—Notice of appeal from his dismissal as a police officer was served Friday by Tom Brown, former chief accused of aiding the Barker-Karpis gang in the kidnappings of William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer here in 1933 and 1934. A hearing before a board of appeals was demanded and the accusations were branded "general and indefinite."

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**Karpis' Mother Sues
Magazine for \$100,000**

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—(AP)—
Mrs. Anna Karpavicz, 58, mother
of the convicted kidnaper, Alvin
Karpis, filed suit in the Supreme
Court Thursday against Time, Inc.,
publishers of a weekly news mag-
azine, for \$100,000 damage, on a
charge she was libeled in an article
published May 4, 1936.

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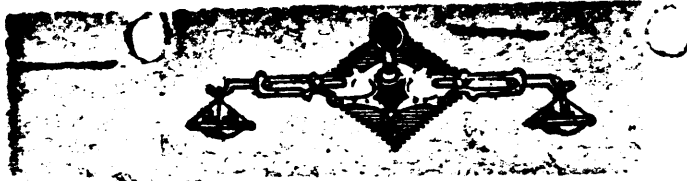
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**Alvin Karpis' Mother Sues
Weekly Magazine for Libel**

Mrs. Anna Karpavicz, 58 years old, 2842 North Francisco avenue, mother of the former public enemy No. 1, who is serving a life sentence in federal prison for kidnaping, filed a libel suit in the Superior court yesterday seeking \$100,000 damages from Time magazine. The alleged libel was contained in the May 4 issue of the magazine which said that Karpis "is a product of Chicago's west side. His mother did time in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma prisons." In her suit Mrs. Karpavicz declares she never served a prison term.

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CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE
August 14, 1936



When JUSTICE TRIUMPHED!

G-Men Chalk Up One of Their Greatest Victories in Cleanup Of the Hamm Kidnaping Gang

By PETER LEVINS

Justice in the William Hamm kidnaping of St. Paul, Minn., scored a brilliant victory—more brilliant, in a way, than any other triumph in the drive on the snatch racket, for at one time in this case the government appeared to have been counted out. A whole set of defendants, every one of them a notorious malefactor, had been tried and found not guilty. The G men had been decisively licked. It appeared that the Hamm crime, committed at the height of the kidnap industry, would have to be marked down as a complete defeat for justice.

But we know now that the federal forces kept right on fighting. Their comeback bout has been a masterly one. Within recent days they have struck their final knock-out blows. The case is closed, and the snatch industry seems very, very dead.

William Hamm, 39-year-old millionaire bachelor, left his office in the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., of which he had become president and treasurer after the death of his father, at 12:45 p. m., June 15, 1933. It was his practice every business day to walk to his home for luncheon.

The first news that he had been abducted somewhere between the office and his home came at 2:30 p. m., when William W. Dunn, sales manager of the company, received a telephone call, informing him that his employer had been kidnaped, and that the ransom had been set at \$100,000.

Dunn at first thought it a joke, but after he had telephoned the Hamm residence, and learned that the handsome and athletic brewer had not come home to lunch, he called the police and the county attorney's office.

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THE MIAMI TRIBUNE

AUGUST 16, 1936

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If this had happened before recently, federal men would have been on the job at once—and things would have been different. But at that time the federal bureau of investigation had not as yet launched its great drive against public enemies in general and kidnapers in particular. It was not until after the Kansas City massacre, two days after the Hamm abduction, that the G men really got going. Before the Kansas City atrocity the agents were not permitted to carry guns, and were otherwise poorly equipped for a war on outlaws.

The Hamm family, including the victim's mother, brother and two sisters, asked that the police hold off until after the release of the captive. There was some police activity, but not much, and what little the police did was largely misdirected. (Purposely so, as you shall see).

Dunn heard from the kidnapers next at 1:30 o'clock the following morning, when he was told that a message would soon be delivered at his home.

Thirty minutes later a taxicab arrived and the driver, Leo Allison, handed Dunn a letter which stated that the \$100,000 must consist of fives, tens and twenties in old money and be delivered in an open truck, driven by one man. Attached to the bottom was a postscript signed by Hamm, urging immediate payment of the ransom. Dunn, said the letter, must drive the truck.

The taxi driver said that a man had approached him near the Hotel Lowry and asked him how much he would charge to deliver a letter to 1916 Summit ave. Allison said one dollar. The man had given him two dollars, along with the letter, then walked away at once. Allison said it was rather dark, and he hadn't been able to get a good look at the man.

Shortly before 11 o'clock that night, Friday, the 16th, there was a telephone call to the drug store of Clarence J. Thomas, not far from the Dunn home. The caller said he was Dunn and that he had left a letter addressed to him in the telephone booth. "Will you have some one bring it around to my house?" said the voice.

Thomas found the letter, and sent a clerk to the Dunn home. Thus were the kidnapers able to get another message to the contact man without using the United States mails.

This one stated that the \$100,000 must be rushed, as the gang's demand would be boosted to \$150,000,

and directed that members of the Hamm family and company officials remain in the brewery offices all the next afternoon as there would be a telephone call, giving final instructions.

Now, as it happened, Dunn could not drive a truck, although he had driven many passenger cars. He mentioned this to the police in the course of a conference at the brewery.

The next afternoon there was a phone call for L. J. Sullwold, associated with the Hamm company. A voice told him that he would find a letter for Dunn in his car. This message stated that the money need not be delivered in a truck, but that Dunn could use his own car if the doors were removed



William Hamm, millionaire bachelor, whose kidnaping gave the Federal Bureau of Investigation a chance to prove its great ability.

—this so that one or more persons might not conceal themselves in the machine. Somehow the gang had learned that Dunn could not drive a truck.

The letter directed that a red lantern be placed on the rear of the car, and that Dunn drive along Highway 61 at a rate of speed not to exceed twenty miles an hour. Upon receiving a signal from a car which would flash its headlights five times, Dunn was to drop the package of money into the road and continue on in the direction of Duluth, Minn., 165 miles north of St. Paul, still at a leisurely rate of speed.

Dunn followed instructions that Saturday night. Few details of the negotiations had been made public, but Herbert J. Charles, attorney for the Hamm family, told reporters that he was sure the captive would be released some time that night. Members of the family gathered at the mother's home. A long night of waiting, and then—

Hood Is Placed Over His Head
The phone rang at 5:30 a. m. It was Hamm himself calling from a farmhouse near Wyoming, Minn., forty-five miles from St. Paul. He had just been released. He reached his home at about 8:30, and readily told his story of the abduction.

He said he had walked about a block from his office when a man came up to him, saying, "Hello, Mr. Hamm," at the same time holding out his hand.

"Hello," said the brewer, accepting the other man's hand. As soon as he said this, another man seized his other hand and they rushed him into a car.

He saw no guns but felt them against his side. There were three men, one of them behind the wheel. They placed a white hood over his eyes at once, telling him to lie down on the floor. When they had traveled about thirty miles they met another car and stopped for a while Hamm, still lying on the floor, signed four ransom notes.

Now, as the drive was resumed, the hood was taken off and a pair of goggles, covered inside with cotton, placed over his eyes. The drive lasted, he thought, about eight hours. The goggles were removed just before the car pulled up in front of a two-story white house. He was hustled into a bedroom on the second floor. And there he had remained until after the ransom was paid.

Hamm said he got only fleeting glimpses of his captors. He believed there had been five or six in the gang. Whenever any of them entered the room he had to face the wall.

It was reported in the newspapers that Hamm had said that one of the two men who accosted him resembled Verne Sankey, notorious kidnaper, at that time a fugitive.

The strain of waiting for her son's return proved too much for Mrs. Theodore Hamm. She became ill that morning at his release, and never recovered. (She died the following September 8).

All in all, this had been a very neat snatch. There seemed to be no clues whatever. County Attorney M. F. Kinkhead, in desperation, offered immunity to any member of the gang who would squeal. There were no nibbles following this announcement. St. Paul business men raised a \$30,000 reward. Nothing happened.

Fruitless Hunt for House of Captivity

On June 20 Hamm drove north in an effort to locate the house in which he had been held. Accompanying him were Inspector Charles Tierney and Detective Thomas A. Brown, who had been active on the case from the beginning. It was a fruitless hunt. Chief of Police Thomas Dahill had thought Superior, Wis., a likely spot for the house, as Hamm had recalled that the weather during his captivity had seemed rather pleasant, whereas in St. Paul and vicinity it had been scorching hot.

A whole month passed, then abruptly there was a most sensational announcement.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the federal bureau of investigation, stated on July 24 that four members of the notorious Touhy gang, suspected in the recent Jake Factor kidnaping in Chicago, and arrested five days before at Elkhorn, Wis., had been identified as the abductors of William Hamm. The prisoners were Roger Touhy, Edward McFadden, Gus Schaefer and Willie Sharkey.

"We have positive identifications," Purvis was reported as saying.

The intimation was that Hamm himself had made the identification yet the brewer denied this. He stated in St. Paul that he had viewed the four suspects in Chicago and had not been able "to identify either by sight or sound of voices any of the prisoners." This statement appeared in newspapers throughout the country at that time. Nevertheless, the authorities went right ahead, apparently quite confident that the guilty men were in custody.

"We have a very good case against these men," said Lewis L.

Drill, the United States attorney at St. Paul. He did not recite just what the case consisted of.

Touhy and his three companions-in-crime were indicted August 12 under the Lindbergh Law, charged with having transported a kidnap victim across state lines. Their trial opened the following November 9 before U. S. District Judge Matthew M. Joyce. The prosecution was headed by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan just recently victorious in the Ur-schel case. George F. Sullivan, who had succeeded Drill in September, assisted him. The chief defense counsel was William Scott Stewart, a very successful criminal lawyer of Chicago.

The government's case began to fall apart soon after the jury was selected. Hamm could not be persuaded to identify a single defendant. The most he would say, was that McFadden "resembled" the man who drove the kidnap car. Stewart made him admit that he had originally identified a picture of Verne Sankey as the man who shook his hand.

The witness replied that he had done so "because the police suggested Sankey might be the fellow."

"Oh," shouted the defense attorney. "So you did just what the police told you to do?"

Mr. Hamm seemed slightly flustered.

Stewart brought McFadden before the witness. "Can you identify this man as one of the two that accosted you the day of the abduction?"

"I cannot."

Under re-direct examination by Sullivan, the witness was asked pointblank if McFadden was the man. He replied, "I can't say whether he was or not." He thought the man who had approached him was taller and had finer features.

Taxi Driver Allison could only say that McFadden "resembled" the man who gave him the note to deliver. Dr. Horace Labisoniere, a dentist who was in the Thomas drug store at the time the note was left in the phone booth, testified that Touhy "resembled" the man. Daniel Rush, time-keeper for a refrigerating company, said Willie Sharkey "resembled" the man who drove the kidnap car.

The prosecution, only a shadow of what it had set out to be, closed its case on November 16. The defense immediately called a series of alibi witnesses. Gus Schaefer had been in Los Angeles, said one witness; Touhy had been in Des Plaines, Ill.; the other two had also been far from St. Paul on the day Hamm was seized.

The case went to the jury at 6:45

p. m., November 24, and after 35 hours, 35 minutes of deliberation they acquitted all four defendants.

Said Chief of Police Dahill:

"If this is the attitude the American juries take toward kidnapers, I applaud San Jose citizens for taking justice into their own hands." He referred to the lynching of two men who confessed abducting and cold-bloodedly killing Brooke Hart.

However, this was not a defeat for American justice. As a matter of fact, it was a magnificent triumph, for time was to prove that the Touhy mobsters had nothing whatever to do with the kidnaping of William Hamm.

Foreman T. O. Sundry said:

"In our opinion, the government utterly failed to prove the guilt of the defendants beyond the necessary reasonable doubt. A small majority of us voted for acquittal on the first ballot, and there never was any question as to the outcome. All of us realized the defendants were undesirable members of society—public enemies—but we weren't trying them for that."

All four were kept in custody, for they next faced trial as the Factor kidnapers. Before they were returned to Chicago, however, Willie Sharkey, who had been acting strangely in court, hanged himself in his cell with two neckties. He had declared he would never go back to Chicago.

Months passed, and there was no more news about the Hamm case. The public believed that the real kidnapers had beaten the rap. They thought the G Men felt satisfied that the Hamm snatchers had gotten what they deserved, anyway, since they all got 99 years each for kidnaping Jake Factor.

Hamm's name appeared briefly in the newspapers early in January, 1934, but the item had nothing to do with his abduction. He had married Mrs. Marie Hersey Carroll of St. Paul.

But a month later another major kidnaping was committed in that same city. Edward G. Bremer, wealthy bank president, was efficiently snatched, this being the fifth successful St. Paul kidnaping in two-and-a-half years. The gang functioned with the same neatness that characterized the Hamm case.

Bremer was abducted between 8:15 and 8:30 a. m., January 17, a few minutes after leaving his daughter, Betty, 8, at the fashionable Summit school. As he stopped his car at a cross street for a traffic light, a man tried to enter the car. Bremer sought to get out of the opposite door, only to find

himself looking into the muzzle of a pistol.

Both men jumped in behind him, striking him on the head and knocking him unconscious.

His machine was later found in an outlying district of the city. Bloodstains on the front seat gave rise to reports that he had been killed.

On that same day Walter Magee, a well-to-do St. Paul contractor, and a friend of the Bremer family, received an anonymous phone call. Magee was told to look for a note in the rear of his office. This note demanded \$200,000 ransom and instructed the Bremer family to insert a notice in a Minneapolis paper saying "We are ready, Alice." This was done.

The next word from the gang came on January 20. A milk bottle was thrown through a door of the home of Bremer's family physician. It contained a note, written by Bremer himself, and notes to Magee and to Adolph Bremer, father of the captive and a personal friend of President Roosevelt. The note to the doctor directed him to deliver the other communications.

Kidnapers Were Put On Honor

After more than a week had passed, Adolph Bremer issued a published statement appealing to the kidnapers. He promised to carry out their wishes to the letter, but he gave them a time limit of three days in which to act. When the three days expired he extended the time to Thursday, February 8.

The \$200,000 ransom was paid—\$84,000 in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 bills. With the money Bremer's father sent this note:

"To the parties holding Edward: I have done my part and kept my word 100 percent, as I said I would. This money is not marked and you have the full amount asked for.

"Now, boys, I am counting on your honor. Be sports and do the square thing and turn Ed loose immediately and tell him to come first to my home."

Bremer returned home, scarred, exhausted and unkempt, on February 8, after twenty-two days and twelve hours of captivity. He had been shoved out of a small sedan the previous evening by three members of the gang at Rochester, Minn., about 85 miles south of St. Paul. He had made his way as quickly as possible by train and bus, arriving in his home city in the early hours of the morning.

The Magee victim could not recall the manner in which he was moved from his own car into that of the kidnapers. He said his eyes were bandaged when he regained consciousness. He could not tell how he had been taken to the hideout. He said that he heard ten or twelve different voices in the house, and that at least six or eight members of the gang were in the place at all times during his captivity.

Bremer said that, although his bandages were removed while he was in the kidnapers' hideout, he was made to sit face to the wall so that he could not see the two guards who constantly sat behind him. The room was darkened but the figures on the wallpaper, he said, were engraved on his mind.

Incidentally, the instructions as to the delivery of the ransom money closely resembled the instructions given in the Hamm case.

But it was not until January, 1935, that the FBI men were able to start cracking open the Bremer case, and later the supposedly closed Hamm kidnaping. Somehow they seldom tell how—they struck the trail in Chicago, and it led them to an apartment where tuberculosis-ridden Byron Bolton, one-time terrorist of the Capone gang, was living with his wife, Russell (Slim) Gibson and Mrs. Gibson.

Gibson told his wife he was going out shooting. He dashed out the rear door and had fired one shot when his gun jammed. He was riddled with bullets. Bolton kept his hands in the air.

And very soon things began to happen.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, ringleader with Alvin Karpis in the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers and bank robbers, was seized in a North Side Chicago apartment. His brother Arthur and their murderous mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, were killed January 16 in a gunfight with G men in Oklawaha, Fla. Many other members of the gang were picked up in various parts of the country.

Finally every one of the 22 per-

sons indicted for the Bremer kidnaping was accounted for. Bolton pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence. The government scored a thorough cleanup.

But the Hamm case was still unsolved. And Karpis was still at large.

Bolton languished in the Ramsey county jail at St. Paul for 12 months before he began to talk about the Hamm kidnaping. He had a reason for holding his tongue: he expected leniency for his co-operation in the Bremer case and did not want to jeopardize his chances with a further confession.

But during the winter the federal men got a tip that Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 59-year-old safecracker and bank robber with a 40-year criminal record, had been the elderly gentleman who held out his hand to Hamm. Bolton was consulted about this. He denied that he knew anything about the Hamm kidnaping. But presently he started to talk again.

G men hastened to Los Angeles, where they knew Fitzgerald was living as "a respectable gentleman"—or at least trying to play that difficult role. Agents took an apartment in the same building, made the suspect's acquaintance, and on occasion lunched with him. They kept a careful check on all his visitors and his mail. That went on for three months.

Then, simultaneously, on April 18, 1936, the G men struck in three widely separated regions. They grabbed Fitzgerald in Los Angeles, Edmund C. Bartholmey in Bensenville, Ill., and John Peifer, St. Paul night club owner, in Minneapolis.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director at Washington, D. C., announced that the Hamm kidnaping was solved with these arrests, and that more arrests would follow.

The Bartholmey arrest came as a complete surprise, particularly in his home town 14 miles west of Chicago, where he had been acting postmaster since April 1, 1935. Forty-two years old, he had been a resident of Bensenville for 10 years. His wife, Jessie, was active in church societies and the Railway Ladies club. His 16-year-old son, Edmund, was a junior in the high school.

Could it be possible there had been a mistake? Apparently not. According to Director Hoover, it had been in Bartholmey's home that Hamm had been held prisoner. Hamm himself had identified the house as soon as he laid eyes on it. Curiously enough, it was in a house only a block-and-a-half from the Bartholmey dwelling that Bremer had been confined after his abduction in St. Paul.

Peifer, who owned the Hollyhocks, a St. Paul rendezvous, had a record that extended back to 1924.

List included Public Enemy No. 1

Hoover stated that those involved in the Hamm abduction, in addition to Bolton, Peifer, Fitzgerald and Bartholmey, included also Alvin Karpis, who had become Public Enemy No. 1 of the United States; Elmer Farmer, one of those

convicted in the Bremer case; Arthur Barker, serving life at Alcatraz; and Fred Barker, who had been killed with his mother, and Fred Goetz, alias Shotgun Zeigler, slain in a Chicago underworld execution.

Brewer Hamm congratulated the Department of Justice, saying, "There has never been a letdown in their efforts to learn who my abductors were and bring them to justice. We shall have to go through another trial, and nearly everything I shall have to say will be made public at that time."

Seven men were quickly indicted. They were Doc Barker, Elmer Farmer, Karpis, Fitzgerald, Bartholmey, Bolton and Peifer. Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, were the only two remaining members of the Karpis-Barker gang still at large.

It is said now that the federal authorities suspected from the start that the Hamm kidnapers had a tip-off man in the St. Paul police department. For one thing, there was that matter of changing from a truck to a passenger car after Dunn stated that he could not drive a truck. For another, the gang had been tipped off after investigators learned that they were hiding out in a Bald Eagle Lake cottage 15 miles from St. Paul. The criminals had fled the place at once.

Bolton named Detective Tom Brown as the tip-off man for the gang. He asserted that Brown got by far the largest slice of the ransom money—\$25,000. He said Peifer got \$10,000, and the most anybody else got was \$7,800.

This sensational revelation about Officer Brown did not become public, although there were hints in the newspapers. Only within recent days has the charge against him been made in open court. He was not indicted, as direct evidence against him was lacking.

Less than two weeks after the arrest of Fitzgerald, Bartholmey and Peifer, FBI Director Hoover suddenly took off from Washington—and on the night of May 1 Alvin Karpis, the most sought after criminal in the land, was captured in New Orleans. It is said that he was caught through a tip from the woman who had rented him an apartment. (The reward for Karpis was \$5,000.) Soon afterward Karpis' pal Campbell was seized.

Indeed, the G-Men knocked the country right on its ear that week, for they not only grabbed Karpis but the other two fugitive kidnapers, Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll of Louisville, Ky., and William Mahan, kidnaper of the Weyerhaeuser boy. Robinson had been so elusive for so long that many people believed he must be dead. He may have been dead to the rest of us, but not to Mr. Hoover's lads.

The statute of limitations, so far as any charge against Officer Brown was concerned, expired on June 18. Under the Lindbergh law no one else could be prosecuted in the Hamm case after three years.

Karpis, Fitzgerald and Peifer pleaded not guilty on June 23, when they were arraigned in Federal court in St. Paul, and the trial date was set for July 14. Three days later Bolton pleaded guilty, thus paving the way for his appearance as the star witness for the government; Bartholmey pleaded not guilty; and Fitzgerald decided to throw up the sponge, changing his plea to guilty.

Divided in Loyalty
Old Creepy Karpis communed with himself and lawyer for several weeks, worried about charges in other states, some of which might cost him his life, and then, on the eve of his scheduled trial, he changed his plea to guilty. He spoke in an almost inaudible whisper when Judge Joyce asked him whether he understood the guilty plea which his lawyer had offered for him.

That left only two birds for Mr. Hoover and his sharpshooters. But soon there was only one defendant to dispose of, for on July 18 Bartholmey changed his plea to guilty.

Jack Peifer's trial got under way at once. The big sensation came on July 17 when Bolton testified that Detective Brown, who had become head of the automobile theft division of the St. Paul police department, had received \$25,000 for his services to the Hamm kidnap mob, and that Peifer got \$10,000 as the fingerman.

Brown's only statement to the reporters was "I have nothing to say."

Chief of Police Clinton Hackert, a few minutes before the testimony got into the record, ordered Brown suspended "without prejudice" pending the outcome of the proceedings.

Later he was formally charged with participation in the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings in a police department order dismissing him as a detective. The dismissal order, signed by Safety Commissioner Gus Barfuss, stated that he had disclosed confidential information on movements of the police to Harry Sawyer, now serving life in Alcatraz. Brown was discharged.



William W. Dunn, sales manager for the Hamm company, who was the contact man in the negotiations and who delivered the \$100,000 ransom.

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for "inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance and malfeasance."

Bolton, whose sleek black hair presented a striking appearance against his sallow complexion, freely admitted that he was one of the occupants of the kidnap car, and he also revealed where and how the \$100,000 ransom was split. The cut-up had taken place in a cottage at Long Lake, Ill., he said, after the money had been exchanged in a Reno, Nev., gambling joint at a 7 1-2 percent commission.

He said that \$40,000 was turned over to Peifer, \$25,000 of this to be delivered to Brown. Six of the gang—himself, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Karpis, Fitzgerald and Fred Goetz—got \$7,800 each; \$2,500 for a "Mr. Herbert Farmer for attorney's fees"; about \$2,500 for "expenses"; and a meager \$500 for Bartholmey.

Various female witnesses also figured in the fat Peifer's trial.

Blonde Edna (Rabbits) Murray, the so-called "kissing bandit" now doing 25 years in Missouri, told of the split-up of the ransom money in the Long Lake cottage occupied by Fred Barker and his sweetheart, Paula Harmon, and Fitzgerald and his girl friend, Belle Born. Miss Born testified for the government after she was held under \$3,000 bail as a material witness.

Gangland widows took opposite

sides at the proceedings. Mrs. Georgette Winkler, whose late husband, Gus, had been a Capone lieutenant, testifying for the prosecution, told of a visit Peifer made to her husband in regard to the Hamm ransom. Mrs. Irene Dorsey Goetz, widow of Fred Goetz, on the other hand, denied Bolton's testimony that Peifer had many meetings at her home with her husband.

Goetz is said to have been killed by members of his own gang in Chicago a few months after the Hamm kidnaping. The "syndicate" did not like the idea of his getting tangled up in the snatch racket and putting the heat on their own nicely organized and happily undisturbed activities in Cook county. So his bullet-riddled body landed in a ditch. A graduate of an Illinois university, Goetz provided the brains, it is said, while Karpis and the Barkers did the heavy work.

Former Chief of Police Dahill recalled on the witness stand that, on the night after the kidnaping, he instructed Detective Brown to investigate a house believed to have been the gang's hideout in St. Paul. "About half an hour later," said Dahill, "he came back and told me that the people at 204 Vernoon ave. had no connection with the kidnaping."

Brown later denied that Dahill had ever sent him to that address. He denied all the accusations.

The jury of 10 men and one woman convicted Peifer on July 25 after 10 hours deliberation.

Two days later Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment, along with Fitzgerald. Bartholmey's sentence was postponed, pending a report on his record.

Peifer was sentenced on July 31. He got 30 years. He was taken to his cell shortly before noon. Two hours later Emory Clewett, chief jailer, entered his cell and found Peifer dead. It was believed that he had taken poison concealed in chewing gum. Other inmates said that he reclined on his bed as if in convulsions.

Final summary, Karpis-Barker

gang—
Convicted—Peifer, Doc Barker, Harold Alderton, Oliver Berg, James J. Wilson, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald, and John J. McLaughlin (now dead).

Pleaded guilty—Karpis, Fitzgerald, Bartholmey, Bolton, Elmer Farmer, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

Killed by gangster or government bullets—Fred Barker, Ma Barker, Russell Gibson, Willie Harrison and Fred Goetz.

Cleaning up this pack of outlaws was certainly no small job. It is easy to believe that it could never have been accomplished except by a national police force, with authority to roam the whole country, and with agents thoroughly trained in the process of getting evidence that will stand up in court.

The Hamm kidnaping was committed, as we have said, at the height of the snatch industry. In fact three other major kidnapings were committed almost simultaneously—the Jake Factor abduction in Chicago, the Charles Urschel kidnaping in Oklahoma City, and the John J. O'Connell snatch in Albany, N. Y. The Hamm case closes with the industry completely smashed.

And we know who did it.

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Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, who surrendered without a shot and then pleaded guilty to save his neck.

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Harry Campbell (second from left) being hustled into the Federal building at St. Paul by G men after plane ride from Toledo.

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G-MEN SEEK MORAN BODY HERE

RIDE VICTIM'S GRAVE MAY BE OPENED IN HUNT

Bones Expected To Disprove
Legend of Crime Doctor's
Death in Lake

G-men may exhume the body of an unidentified man killed near Toledo in the summer of 1934, to determine if it is that of Dr. Joseph Moran, "finger and face" surgeon of the Dillinger and the Karpis-Barker-Campbell mob.

This was learned by The News-Bee today.

The News-Bee learned that the federal agents have in recent weeks interviewed Harry J. Pierstoff, undertaker who buried the body; Henry Sembach, police photographer, who made pictures of it; Frank Kreft, coroner at the time, and other county officials.

Preliminary arrangements already have been made for the exhumation, The News-Bee learned. The body is in State Line Cemetery, Dixie Highway and Benore Road.

Body Was Decomposed
The body, found Sept. 2, 1934, in a field off Talmadge Road, a half mile north of Monroe Street, was well decomposed. The man had been dead about six weeks.

Last record of Doc Moran placed him near Point Place at about that time. No trace of him since ever has been found. At that time, mid-July in 1934, Doc Moran, who had come to Toledo April 28 to operate on the fingers and faces of the Karpis gang, had returned and, while drinking, had talked loosely of his gang connections, police learned. He was in his cups and talking, it was said, in June or July of 1934, when a boat ride was suggested, and he never came back. This gave rise to the notion that he had been taken out into Lake Erie and drowned, but no conclusive proof ever has been given. The man thought to have engineered the drowning was Russell Gibson, killed a few weeks later in Florida.

Failed To Place Body.

Officials, at the time the body was found, made an effort to identify it, but were unsuccessful. At that time the extent of Moran's connection with the gang was not known to authorities.

They did establish that the dead man had been slain. He had been strangled, bound and gagged. A tight

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was around the head, as if it were
placed over the mouth.

The body was that of a man of
about 40. Moran's age at the time
was 38. It was five feet eight
inches tall. Moran's height is esti-
mated in police information at
about five feet 10 inches. It's liv-
ing weight was estimated at 170
pounds. Moran weighed 155. The
hair was light brown and the head
almost bald. Moran's hair was light
brown and thinning.

Body Exhumed Once

The body was exhumed once,
shortly after it was buried, in an
unsuccessful effort to establish
identification on a theory it was
some other missing man. At the
time no one knew much about
Moran.

Moran, officials here believe, may
have had some identifying marks
of bone structure of which the
G-men recently have learned which
have not been obliterated and
which may establish the identity.

What else the identification
might establish officials in Toledo
do not know. Most of the men, in
fact all of the major characters in
the Dillinger and Karpis mobs,
have been accounted for. That es-
tablishment of Moran's death and
proof of corpus delicti might in-
volve someone else of course is a
possibility of the case. Likewise,
the idea that Moran is not dead—
either in the lake or at State Line
Cemetery—would be a matter of
some interest to the federal offi-
cers.

Adopted by Gangsters

An honor student at Tufts, a
brilliant young surgeon in the
World War, successful in private
practice, the career of Dr. Joseph
Moran suddenly went into eclipse
shortly after the war at LaSalle,
Ill. An illegal operation sent him
to Joliet for three years. When he
emerged he still knew surgery and
he knew scores of underworld
characters. They helped him,
through crooked politics, to get his
license back. He helped them, and
never quite forgetting his brilliant
past, mixed liquor with crime, and
so went down.

"Drunk, imagination would wipe
away the criminal stigma," J.
Edgar Hoover said of him. "Again
he would become the promising
surgeon. He would talk about him-
self, and then about his latter con-
nections, and invariably wake up
with more evidence self-given
against him. Usually he gave it to
the gangsters, and they feared him
as much as they depended on him."

**G-MEN TO OPEN
GRAVE IN HUNT
FOR DR. MORAN**

The G-men intend exhum-
ing a body buried in State
Line cemetery which was
found along a path in a
woods off Talmadge rd., be-
tween Alexis rd. and Monroe
st., Sept. 3, 1934, to ascertain
positively if it is that of Dr.
Joseph Moran, gangster
physician, who was murdered
by the Barker-Karpis gang in
1934 and whose body never
has been found.

body. They are expected to return to Toledo shortly to exhume the remains and ascertain by certain identifying marks whether the body is that of the missing physician, who, G-men say, performed finger print operations in a Point Place home in June, 1934, on Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, the Bremer and Hamm kidnapers. Karpis and Davis now are serving life sentences for these crimes.

The body was found by Ray Netterfield, 1310 Collingwood ave. It was in a lonely weed-covered field. Rain and sun had turned the body to a deep brown.

had been tied tightly with
twine. A heavy sashweight co
apparently had been used to dr
the body to the spot.

The body was that of a man ab
45 years old, who had brown h
He wore a black shirt, dark tr
sers and wore heavy black sho
He was five feet eight inches
and weighed 160 pounds. His t
had numerous gold fillings.
identifying marks had been remo
from the clothing. Marks o
struggle were found at the sce

Body Hunted

Dr. Paul Hobly, acting coroner at that time, several days later he believed the body might be of a colored man, but wind and rain may have darkened the skin, the G-men believe.

G-men have been searching for the body of Dr. Moran for more than two years. They have searched numerous places in Cleveland, Toledo and Middle Island in Lake Erie.

To Exhume Body

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The gang came to Toledo in April 1934 after some of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money had been discovered in Chicago. Some went to Rye Beach, near Sandusky. Others went to a downtown Toledo hotel, a Collingwood ave. apartment house, another apartment house at Jackson and Fourteenth sts., and to a dwelling in 131st st., Point Place. They occupied these places from April 1934 to Aug. 1934. The G-men came to Toledo about a month ago and after questioning numerous Toledoans, said they would return shortly to exhume the body.

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**BODY TO BE EXHUMED,
MAY BE KARPIS DOCTOR**

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Thomas Brown Dismissal Case Set for Friday

**Civil Service Board to Hold
Hearing of Former Police
Chief.**

Hearing of dismissal charges against Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul police chief, will begin at 9 A. M. Friday before the Civil Service board.

The hearing, originally scheduled to begin Tuesday, was postponed on the request of L. L. Anderson, Brown's counsel.

Anderson asked for a two weeks delay, which was opposed by Hilary Flynn, assistant corporation counsel. The board compromised by selecting Friday.

Brown was dismissed by Gus H. Barfuss, commissioner of public safety, after the former's name was mentioned in connection with the kidnaping of William Hamm at the recent trial of the late John P. (Jack) Peifer.

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***** ANOTHER TO JAIL

ANOTHER of those who helped the Barker-Karpis gang in their St. Paul kidnaping has now been sent to jail.

Edward Bartholmey, former postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., in whose house William Hamm, Jr., was held captive until the \$100,000 ransom was paid, has been given five years by Judge Joyce.

The court took cognizance of the fact that Bartholmey had no previous record of crime and that he had led a respected life in his community. Judge Joyce apparently agreed with the prisoner that he was "just dumb" to rent his place to the late Fred Goetz, gangster, and having done so found himself in a position where he dared not tell authorities when he learned what was going on. At any rate the sentence is the lightest one given for participation in such a serious crime.

Two more persons remain to be dealt with. One is Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper, whose evidence helped most to convict his fellows. The other is Thomas A. Brown, former police chief and a member of the kidnap squad, whose appeal from dismissal charges get under way this week. Brown is accused of "tipping off" the gangsters and receiving \$25,000 of the loot.

The final disposition of these cases will complete what is probably the most complete cleanup of a case ever recorded.

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Mystery Body at Toledo Linked to Karpis Gang

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The newspaper said that federal agents came here a month ago and questioned authorities about the body, which they hope to identify by certain marks. The physician is believed to have performed finger-print operations on Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, the Bremer and Hamm kidnapers, here in 1934.

The body, found six weeks after death, was that of a man about 45. The legs were spread about a bush, and the head and mouth had been tied tightly with heavy twine.

Federal operatives have announced that Moran was killed by the Karpis gang, but his body never was found. The federal bureau of investigation men said they believed it had been thrown into Lake Erie.

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U.S. Will Exhume Body as Karpis Link

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 17 (AP).—County authorities today said that Federal investigators had been granted authority to exhume a body found in a woods near here in 1934 to determine if it is Dr. Joseph Moran, physician, slain by the Barker-Karpis gang in 1934.

Federal agents have sought the body of the physician for two years. They once said they believed it was thrown into Lake Erie.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has said Dr. Moran performed operations to obliterate the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, now serving a sentence for kidnaping.

The body, found six weeks after death, was that of a man approximately 45 years old. There were marks of a struggle where it was found.

Karpis and other members of the gang came here in the spring of 1934 after some of the \$200,000 ransom money from the Edward Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul had turned up in Chicago. Federal agents said Dr. Moran was slain because "he was drinking and talking too much."

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G-MEN CONTINUE SIFT FOR KARPIS FRIENDS

Will Get All Who Knowingly
Harbored Notorious Crimi-
nal, Hoover Says.

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed today its agents still are tracing the activities of four notorious criminals even though death and prison doors have closed the government's case against the men themselves.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, said the government had yet to finish its investigations in the careers of Thomas Henry Robinson Jr. and Alvin Karpis, convicted kidnapers, and also of Harry Campbell, member of Karpis' gang, and Raymond Hamilton, an associate of Clyde Barrow.

The Justice department is unwilling to consider those cases closed, Hoover continued, until all persons who knowingly harbored any of the four have been brought to trial.

"Already there have been some convictions," Hoover said, "and we are working toward others."

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GO TO DIG UP BODY BELIEVED GANG DOCTOR'S

(Special to The TIMES)

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According to the best information



Joseph P. (Doc) Moran

obtainable, the body is believed to be that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, former Chicago and Toledo gang physician, long sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul in January, 1934.

The body of the man was in a state of decomposition when discovered.

Dr. Moran came to Toledo from Chicago in the latter part of June, 1934, and is said to have performed operations on Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis, leaders in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings.

The government men have long suspected that Dr. Moran was done away with by gangsters whom he assisted, but who feared he might expose them in loose talking during drinking periods. One report was that members of the Karpis gang after the slaying took the physician's body out in a row boat on Lake Erie, "froze" his feet in a tub of cement and dropped him overboard.

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Federal operatives have announced that Moran was killed by the Karpis gang, but his body never was located.

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G-Men Drop Search for Body of 'Doc' Moran

BY ROBERT J. CASEY.

Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.

Toledo, O., Aug. 19.—Before anything can be done about exhuming the late "Dr." Joseph Moran, the Karpis face and finger man, it seems that something will have to be done about exhuming three mysterious G-men who parked their shovels here and went away. "Doc" Moran sleeps at the bottom of Lake Erie or he sleeps in a lonely grave in weed-run State Line cemetery or perhaps in both places. Long-suffering Toledo doesn't care much which but waits a decision just for the record.

All of this odd quest for the valuable cadaver of the disappearing "doctor" began not yesterday—as one might well have supposed—but five weeks ago when Washington spade workers got a permit for their grave inspection. They showed their badges to Harry J. Pierstorff, undertaker, and told him he might speak freely about a corpse he had buried two years ago—a corpse which in size, shape and general appearance might have been that of "Dr." Moran, then supposed to be several fathoms under the waves beyond the harbor light.

Sudden Halt Puzzles Toledo.

Quietly they worked questioning Harry Sembach, police photographer, unidentified members of the county police, the sexton of the old cemetery and the former coroner. And it remains to puzzle Toledo today that what they should have set about so enthusiastically, they should have dropped so suddenly.

There remains, of course, the possibility that the grave has al-

ready been opened and closed again. That was one reason why the local citizenry maintained an interest in this queer corpus delicti.

Coroner's reports today gave some authenticity to the theory that "Doc" Moran might have been washed ashore from the middle of Lake Erie to a grave between ten and sixteen miles inland. The "doctor" disappeared from a Point Place saloon in mid-July, 1934. Rumor and official report had it that he went boat riding. On Sept. 8 of that year the mysterious body was discovered in the marshes off Talmadge road. It was not well preserved and seemed to have been dead about six weeks, which, as talented sleuths discovered two years later, corresponded with the time at which "Dr." Moran started for the boat.

Not Officially Missing.

There was no thought at the time that the corpse might be that of the missing man, because, officially, the authorities did not know he was missing. True, some persons who had heard the doctor boasting of his connections with the Karpis-Barker-Campbell mob may have been bright enough to see a connection because the man found near Talmadge road had obviously been

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Toledo Puzzled by G-Men Seeking Body of Karpis Aid

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murdered. There was a gag in his mouth, a noose about his neck and his arms had been trussed behind him. But despite the fact that the Karpis associates had lived gaily and socially in Toledo for many weeks and were to continue their local residence for months afterward, the importance of the 'doctor' was not suspected by any save his immediate companions.

The coroner's record, set against the description circulated by government investigators, is significant; the murdered man was about 40 (Moran at the time of his going away was 38), weight about 170 (Moran 155), height 5 feet 8 inches (Moran 5 feet 10 inches), hair light brown (Moran, hair light brown).

Clothes Fit Description.

The clothing of the corpse was difficult to classify, but heavy walking shoes and a blue suit of fair quality fitted descriptions of what Moran had been wearing when last seen.

It is not so long since J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, made public his theory that Moran had been taken out into the lake and dumped by Russell Gibson, another member of the smash racket. This story was verified unofficially at least by woman mobsters who appeared at the Bremer kidnaping trials in St. Paul. But it could not be verified by Gibson because he was drowned in Florida in January, 1935.

A visit to the old casino on the Point Place road shows some reasons why "Dr." Moran may not have gone boat riding after all. Between the ramshackle building and the lake is a wild tangle of all the scrub trees native to northern Ohio—a stretch in which anybody might easily be murdered without attracting attention, before or after, but through which only a sober man and one enthusiastic not only about boating but woodcraft would have ventured at night.

On the other hand a trip from this isolated barn of a night club to the marsh on Talmadge road sixteen miles away shows how simple a journey it might have been for one accustomed to taking people on one-way rides. The road turns off before it entangles itself with any traffic about Point Place and swings inland along the bottoms of Ten Mile creek—through lush meadowlands, corn fields and vineyards deserted even by day. It crosses acres of railroad tracks and turns corners about little settlements of the type which go to bed at 9 o'clock at night. And even without a prepared map the route encounters only two stop signals.

Leisurely Trip of an Hour.

At a leisurely pace the whole distance may be covered in less than half an hour. Anyone wishing to

murder anybody in front of a Point Place saloon and dispose of the body at Talmadge road could be back at his drinking in an hour—just about the time one might take for a cooling boat ride on Lake Erie. There may be something significant in the fact that the road for much of the way parallels the customary route to Chicago.

Well, anyway, the corpse was found on Sept. 3, 1934, and taken into Mr. Pierstorff's undertaking establishment? where the coroner held a brief inquest. Thereafter it was removed to State Line cemetery on the Dixie highway. A somewhat discouraged looking little burying ground set between two corn fields. And there it has remained ever since—unless, of course, someone has removed it, as the coroner's office, the sexton and the supervisor of the township all deny.

The mysterious G-men may still be about Toledo, as local reports indicate. Or they may be in Chicago looking for further evidence that Dr. Moran had a touch of H. E. shell in his leg and some identifiable dental work. In the meantime the startled city is wondering whether Dr. Moran is more valuable in a grave than he was when officially pronounced dead in the lake or vice versa. The doctor in death has become far more mysterious than he was in life, lifting faces and sandpapering fingertips, and for once, wherever he is, he makes no boastful explanations.

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Troubles to Quincy in Yards.

By the Associated Press.

QUINCY, Mass., August 20.—A slight fire in wooden staging aboard one of the Navy's newest fighting ships, the 10,000-ton U. S. S. Vincennes, caused slight damage yesterday.

The fire occurred in the yards of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. here, where the recently launched heavy cruiser is under construction.

The blaze recalled the series of accidents which beset the last heavy cruiser to be built here—the \$12,000,000 U. S. S. Quincy, now in Spanish waters. A \$100,000 fire was followed by discovery of damaged gears. During a trial run only last April turbine trouble added to the perplexities of her constructors.

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'Doc' Moran's Ghost Aids Toledo Heat Wave

BY ROBERT J. CASEY.

Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.

Toledo, O., Aug. 20.—It was reasonably cool here on the little triangular hill that is State Line cemetery. A low wind stirred the high shadowy elms and rustled the surrounding cornfields and breathed gently across the grave of "Anthony Cressman—killed by the Indians, 1840," and even more gently across the unmarked plot that may or may not contain the bones of Dr. Joseph Moran, "lost in Lake Erie, 1934." and watchers, moistly luxuriating in the shade, were conscious that wherever "Doc" Moran may lie his ghost is surely stirring up some of the current heat in downtown Toledo.

The G-men who had promised to exhume the body of a murdered man from a grave in State Line cemetery and determine by some necromancy whether or not he might have been "Doc" Moran again failed to keep their trust. But they, too, contributed to the heat as local politicians and police began to wonder what might be detaining them.

Leans on Shovel and Waits.

In the graveyard the undertaker's assistant (or maybe he was a man from the coroner's office) leaned on his bright new shovel and gazed impatiently beyond the gates for signs of dust in the road.

"Why don't they get on with it?" he wanted to know. One was aware that he referred to the business of exhumation—a bit of profit or a pain in the neck depending on whether he was the undertaker's assistant or the man from the

coroner's office.

A photographer sat propped against a tree, his eyes half closed, a cigarette in his mouth, an expression of resignation on his face.

Spends Life Waiting.

"Who cares?" he inquired. "All my life I spend waiting for somebody—why not this one?"

Two reporters grunted.

The old sexton, long acquainted with the dignity of death, breathed a deprecatory sigh.

"I don't like this," he said. "I've always said the dead should be allowed to rest in their graves."

A tall young man, seated cross-kneed on a weathered tombstone, smilingly agreed. No one had noticed him very much before that. He appeared to have joined the gruesome carnival merely to get out of the sun.

Would Like to Leave Dead to Rest.

"There are plenty of the boys downtown who would like to have the dead rest in their graves," he observed as he struck a match on the epitaph to Mr. Cressman. "Plenty of 'em. What makes you think J. Edgar Hoover might want to establish the corpus delicti in the case of 'Doc' Moran?" And nobody answered him because nobody rightly could.

"Well, I'll tell you. It would pin at least one operation of the Karpis gang—a murder—right onto Toledo. And it would give somebody a chance to ask our neighbors (and Karpis' neighbors and the late Dillinger's neighbors and the late 'Pretty Boy' Floyd's neighbors) a lot of embarrassing questions.

"G-men have been wandering around here for the past three months. Everybody knows that. And do you think they're just hunt-

ing for graves to open?" Nobody answered that question either.

Recites History and Theory.

And while his audience dozed and the wind stirred among the wilted lilies and the faded flags of Decoration day he recited some history and some theory.

Alvin Karpis and company—more particularly the junior partner of the company, Harry Campbell, who was captured here on May 7—may be said to have marked the end of an era. Far back in the days when there were no automobiles and crooks were forced to rely upon trains and buggy roads and boats and other modes of travel to get away, Toledo by the Maumee river became their haven. A historic mayor decided that it would be better to make truce than fight a continuous losing battle with the yegg population of America and so he gave them right of sanctuary—on condition. They were not to be molested in the city so long as they failed to molest the citizenry. And so the thieves and murderers and cracksmen themselves gave the city its best policing. Toledo became perhaps the most crime-free community in the world.

Criminals, Detectives, Flock In.

In time came the Dillingers and the Verne Millers and the "Pretty Boy" Floyds and platoons of strange detectives looking for them, and hordes of inquisitive alien reporters. And there followed an awakening civic belief that criminals—even quiescent—are bad neighbors. With Karpis and the Barkers and Campbell, fresh from the Bremer kidnaping, came the payoff. For this is the record of the Karpis residency in Toledo:

The Bremer kidnaping occurred in January 1934; in February the \$200,000 ransom was paid. In March the entire gang moved into fla-

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within two or three blocks of the central police station and remained in that neighborhood until October save for the summer months when they gamboled freely along the shore of Lake Erie and became welcome guests at most of the resorts. They visited numerous local night clubs. They distributed money generously. They made friends.

In November and December of 1934 they went away, some of them attracting attention through the brawling of their women in a Cleveland hotel; the Barkers and Russ Gibson removing to Florida, where they were shortly to be killed. They left one of the mob here permanently, so it is said, namely "Doc" Moran, over whose alleged grave in the potter's field so many persons now keep faithful watch.

In January 1935, after Karpis and Campbell had shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel they returned to Toledo and took up their former untroubled life. Evidence at the St. Paul trials of the gang tends to show that from April, 1935 until May, 1936, they commuted between Toledo and Chicago. Campbell, at least, seems to have taken up a residence almost as permanent as that of "Doc" Moran. He married and prepared to settle down—a job on which he was still working when somebody, possibly Karpis himself, gave the gangmen the address of his modest flat.

Associated with Sheriff.

Campbell was the associate of the local sheriff, who knew him by an assumed name and never recognized him from his pictures in the police "mug" pamphlets describing him as a public enemy on the jail wall. Mr. Hoover, after Campbell's capture, declared that the mob could not have preserved the tranquillity of its local abode without some assistance and he issued a warning to "doctors, lawyers and politicians who may have harbored them."

The effect of that warning has not diminished. There are rumbles about approaching elections. There are hints, unofficially expressed in high offices:

"Of course, my dear sir, I not only welcome but desire any investigation of my conduct as an official and as a private citizen—but, of course, there may be others." And out of this one gathers that someone, taking a cue from the Karpis gang itself, which squawked so readily and so often and with such deadly results, may be getting ready to talk.

Sleepless Eyes on Cemetery.

In the meantime the eyes never sleep that look upon the cemetery where the drowned or undrowned Dr. Moran may be (or may not be) sleeping, as always, with his ear close to the ground.

There was a distant rumble as some one stirred the dust beyond the cemetery gates. But it probably was only Dr. Moran turning in his grave at the suggestion that he might prove an agent of justice.

The undertaker's assistant shifted his weight on his shovel—disappointed, but always ready. The work pays if you can get it.

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Brown Hearing

TESTIMONY that Thomas A. Brown, former chief of police and detective, was "cut in" for \$25,000 in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping and also \$5,000 in the Edward G. Bremer abduction was given by Byron Bolton, confessed member of the kidnap gang. . . . It was the principal evidence submitted by the city to sustain the dismissal of Brown from the force before the civil service review board to which he has appealed for reinstatement. . . . Bolton told substantially the same story he told in federal court when Jack Peiffer, "fingerman" in the Hamm case was convicted. . . . New was the story that Brown had been involved in the Bremer kidnaping. . . . Bolton admitted he never got the money because the gang withheld it when he shot Homer Van Meter, Dillinger mobster, to death on St. Paul streets. . . . The hearing which began Friday was adjourned until Aug. 31. . . . Meanwhile Edward Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, who rented his house to the Hamm kidnapers for a hideout for \$500 was in Leavenworth, starting his six-year sentence.

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Bolton Puts Brown Into Bremer Case

Says Cut Was Promised
But Not Paid; Ouster
Appeal Is Recessed Un-
til Aug. 31.

Hearing of the appeal of Thomas A. Brown from his ouster as a police detective today has been recessed to Aug. 31 following sensational testimony late Friday linking him with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Attorneys for Brown sought and were granted a delay after Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper of Mr. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr., declared under oath that Barker-Karpis members had told him the detective was to receive \$5,000 of the Bremer ransom but later "cut him out" because he had killed Homer Van Meter, Dillinger mobster.

It was the first time that Brown's name had been linked with the Bremer snatch. Previously Bolton and Gladys Sawyer brought Brown's name into the Hamm kidnaping during their testimony in federal district court during the trial of John P. Peiffer.

Repeats Peiffer Trial Story.

Bolton repeated his Peiffer trial testimony Friday in Ramsey district court where a statutory board is hearing Brown's appeal from the order dismissing him from the police force. The order followed Bolton's and Mrs. Sawyer's testimony in the Peiffer trial when they charged that Brown was to receive \$25,000 from the Karpis-Barker gang members for information furnished to the mob of the police and federal bureau of investigation agents' activities during the kidnaping.

Says Cash Wasn't Paid.

Brown was linked with the Bremer snatch for the first time when Bolton said that Fred Goetz, brains of the mob, told him Brown was to receive \$5,000 but was not paid off because he was among the four St. Paul police department members who killed Homer Van Meter, former Dillinger aid, Aug. 24, 1934.

Questioned by John L. Connolly, city attorney, Bolton said Goetz told him the Bremer ransom money was divided into nine major parts.

Q.—Did he tell you of any division other than the nine major parts?

A.—He said they took out \$5,000

for Tom Brown. He said they intended to give him a full share but because he hadn't given them much information they cut it to \$5,000.

Q.—Was anything said about why he didn't give any information?

A.—Because the government agents would not let him attend the conferences.

Q.—When did you see any of the people after that?

A.—I saw Doc Barker in October or November, 1934.

Mentions Chicago Massacre

Q.—Did you talk about the Bremer kidnaping?

A.—I asked Doc if Brown had been paid and he said "No, we decided not to give it to him after he had killed Homer Van Meter."

L. L. Anderson, chief counsel for Brown, could not shake Bolton's story on cross-examination but did manage to get into the records a few facts the defense counsel in the Peiffer trial failed.

During the Peiffer trial in federal court defense counsel tried to get into the records why Bolton left Chicago in the spring of 1929. The infamous St. Valentine's day murders took place in Chicago that year.

Following a number of preliminary questions Mr. Anderson asked Bolton when he left Chicago in 1929. Bolton answered it was sometime in April.

That was shortly after the Valentine day massacre.

A.—It was a couple of months after that.

Q.—Did you leave because of that?

A.—No.

Q.—When you left Chicago and went to Arizona you changed your name.

A.—Yes to O. B. Carter.

U. S. Compensation Stopped.

Q.—Before changing your name you were receiving compensation from the government.

A.—Yes. It stopped when I changed my name.

Bolton admitted that he received \$150 a month from Goetz and the reason he left Chicago was because of his health.

Q.—Why did you change your name?

A.—At Goetz' request. He knew that I knew where he lived and was afraid police would find out from me where he lived.

Q.—Why didn't he want police to know where he lived?

A.—Because he was in the alcohol business.

Anderson then changed his line of questioning and tried to bring out discrepancies in Bolton's testimony during the Sawyer and Peiffer trials.

In the Sawyer trial Bolton had said he met Sawyer for the first time in August 1934 and was alone. In the Peiffer trial he said he met Sawyer July 23, 1934 and Peiffer introduced him to Sawyer at the latter's saloon. "There was nothing to recall it to my mind at the Sawyer trial," Bolton said.

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**Karpis' Dad Fails To
Get Car License; Fined**

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—John Karpavicz was fined \$6 for failing to obtain city and state licenses for the automobile. Federal agents turned over to him after the capture of his son, Alvin Karpis, former Public Enemy No. 1.

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**Karpis' Father Pays
Fines on Son's Car**
CHICAGO, Aug. 21—(AP)—John Karpavicz, 50, father of Alvin Karpis, paid two fines totaling \$6 before Judge Frank M. Padden today for failure to have state and city licenses for an automobile which was used by his kidnaper son in Arkansas.
The car was given to Karpavicz, a janitor, after the recent capture of his son, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for kidnaping.

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COP GAVE TIP, KIDNAPER SAYS

Former Chief Aided
Barker-Karpis Mob,
He Testifies.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 21—(AP)—A police tip, Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper, testified at the civil service board's hearing of Tom Brown's ouster hearing today, enabled the Barker-Karpis mob to elude arrest in a St. Paul house in 1933.

The tip, Bolton added, came from Brown, former chief of police, the man Bolton said was paid \$25,000 by the gang for keeping them informed of police activity in the kidnapping of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer.

Bolton's recitation of the gang's plottings was the chief testimony in the hearing obtained by Brown following his ouster from the department on charges of carrying police information to the kidnapers.

The gang was hiding out at 204 Vernon avenue here in 1933, Bolton testified, when John Peifer called one day. Peifer, night club owner, committed suicide in jail here recently following his conviction in the Hamm case.

"Peifer telephoned and said Brown had called," Bolton explained. "He said Brown told him he had complaints about suspicious people in the Vernon avenue place. He said he would give them plenty of time to get out."

In previous testimony, Bolton related how \$25,000 of the \$100,000 ransom paid for Hamm's release in July, 1933, was earmarked for the former chief of police despite objections from Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, member of the gang.

Brown has denied the charges.

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Gangsters' Molls Pay Price for Brief Span of Thrills

Consorts of Barker-Karpis Mobsters Know Whether It's Worth What It Costs to Flout Law for Temporary Venture in Luxurious Living.

BY RALPH E. PHELPS

It does not pay to be a gangster's moll—or even his wife. The price one must pay for a few brief months or years of luxurious living and excitement is far more than it's worth.

If you doubt that statement, ask Irene Goetz, Mrs. Gus Winkler, Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette, Georgette Sawyer, Belle Born, and others. You cannot ask Paula Harmon because she would not understand—she is in an insane asylum, probably for life.

All of these women were intimately connected with the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, and the toll they are paying for the price of a short period when money meant nothing to them because the source of supply seemed inexhaustible has been staggering.

Roll Is Called

Irene Goetz was the wife of Fred Goetz, University of Illinois graduate, who later joined the Capone group, became an expert machine gun operator and killer, lined up with Barker-Karpis only to fall victim of gangster bullets himself.

Mrs. Gus Winkler was the wife of the notorious Lincoln, Neb., bank robber, Capone machine gunner, and fixer.

Edna Murray was the gunmoll of Volney Davis, one of the gang's leaders.

Wynona Burdette was the sweetheart of Harry Campbell, chief lieutenant of the same gang.

Georgette Sawyer is the wife of Harry Sawyer, active member of the kidnap group.

Belle Born was the friend of Charles Fitzgerald, also a chief member of the gang.

Paula Harmon was the recipient of the affections of Freddy Barker.

Wore Beautiful Clothes

For a span of less than two years for the first two, and less than a year for the others, they lived in luxurious apartments, suites in the best hotels. They rode in fast cars and dined in the costliest cafes. They frequented the most expensive night clubs. They wore beautiful clothes.

If they ever considered that someday they would have to pay for this—they will not admit it. To them, it was the life, the only life. Everybody else was a sucker.

But the law and sometimes the gang's enemies caught up with them, blasted them from their life of ease, or marked them for life.

Had Nervous Breakdown

Irene Goetz, now married, has a millinery shop in Aurora, Ill. But to millions she is known as the widow of Fred Goetz. Everywhere she goes she is observed. When she enters a cafe, she is recognized. She cannot help but notice the whispers.

More than that, underworld hangers-on will not believe she has not hidden away much of her former husband's gains and always seek financial aid.

She is bothered by others who want the inside story of her husband's activities. She has been a witness several times in trials. All of this resulted in a nervous breakdown, and she spent several months in a sanitarium. She has recovered now, but the memory of those days as the wife of Fred Goetz, gangster, never can be erased. Every day that phase of her life is called to

her attention. Ask Irene Goetz if it pays to be the wife of a big gangster.

Can't Forget Past

Take Mrs. Gus Winkler for example. There is a woman now in a respectable Louisville business, one who would like to forget the past, but the past will not let her. There is a woman who to listen to conversations between her husband and strangers by a photograph hidden in her apartment. A woman who could lift the veil of mystery over many a crime if she would talk, but Mrs. Winkler keeps her mouth shut. She dislikes having her picture snapped by newspaper photographers. She would prefer to be known as the wife of a respectable man, living a quiet, respectable life. But the past will not let her. Every week some incident arises to recall those fast-living days, those contacts with the nation's underworld. Ask her if it has paid.

Ask Edna Murray, the kissing bandit, if it pays to be the sweetheart of a gangster. She ought to know, she was the consort of Volney Davis here in Toledo and in St. Paul. Davis is now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz prison for the Bremer kidnaping, and Edna is ill in the Missouri state prison. Less than 30 years of age, she probably will die within a year because prison hospitals are not accustomed to treating cancer cases. If she lives, she will spend 22 years in jail. Ask her now if the pretty clothes she wore, the roll of bills she carried, the life of excitement in dodging the G-men were worth the price she is paying.

Sentenced to Prison

Ask Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, serving a life sentence for the Bremer kidnaping, if the months of dashing from one city to another, including Toledo, of rushing through the night to throw off pursuit, if the expensive automobiles, fine furs, tailored suits, beautiful dresses, and

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night club life for a few brief moments have been worth the price she is paying. She is serving a five-year term in Milan, Mich., prison for harboring Campbell.

Ask Georgette Sawyer if being the wife of a kidnaper pays. Harry Sawyer, her husband, was one of St. Paul's big shots. He had a saloon, frequented by politicians, sportsmen and even criminals. He was making plenty of money but not enough to satisfy him. He had a farm north of St. Paul and a cottage at the lake. But all that is over now. He is serving a life sentence, too.

The saloon is gone; so are the farm and the gorgeous clothes, the fleet of automobiles, the champagne parties in expensive night clubs. Now she is trying to eke out a meager living in Des Moines.

Mind Cracked

Ask Paula Harmon, when she has a rational moment, if a life in an asylum is worth having been

for a few weeks the sweetheart of the late Freddy Barker. Paula's mind could not stand the strain when the G-men closed in. It had been weakened by an incurable disease. Occasionally she has a rational moment. Then ask her if she prefers her present confinement as the result of her indiscretions or if it was worth the few weeks of fast, loose living with America's greatest kidnap mob.

Ask those girls. They have been through the mill. They know the answers.

HOODLUM BRAWLS IRE CHIEF

Men Go Back to Old Weapons Tonight.

The nightstick, time-honored policeman's weapon against hoodlums, will be brandished on Toledo streets tonight for the first time in many years.

Angered by recurring street brawls in which civilians and patrolmen have been injured by members of hoodlum gangs, Police Chief Ray Allen today ordered the nightsticks back into service.

Hunt for Old Sticks

Chief Allen ordered the police armory rummaged for dust covered sticks cast aside many years ago.

The sticks will be carried by all foot patrolmen, and members of wagon and scout crews on the 3 to 11 p. m. shift and the 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. shift.

The sticks, Chief Allen ordered, are to be carried constantly and are not to be laid down or stowed away in pockets or belts.

With the order calling the sticks back into service, Chief Allen issued instructions governing their use.

When Other Means Fail

Department members, the chief said, may bring the sticks into play when they have been attacked by one or more persons of superior strength, and then only after other means of persuasion have been exhausted.

Taunts and insulting language directed at an officer, the chief warned, will not be considered sufficient excuse for the use of sticks.

Must Report on Use

Officers were ordered to submit written reports to their superiors whenever the night sticks are used or firearms discharged in the course of duty.

Chief Allen said that three cases of hoodlum violence in the last 36 days have pointed the need for new and harsh methods against gangs of street toughs.

The order today followed a hoodlum attack last night in which two policemen were injured while attempting to pacify a disturbance in a Broadway night club.

Use of nightsticks recently was revived in Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati to deal with hoodlum elements, Chief Allen said.

Given Up 20 Years Ago

The nightstick was given up as a Toledo police weapon more than 20 years ago.

Mayor Sam (Golden Rule) Jones during his administration supplanted the night sticks with stout canes. Later, during the period when the late George Murphey was chief, nightsticks were restored to service for a short time.

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GANG SQUEALER GETS 3 YRS.
ST. PAUL, Aug. 25 (AP).—Four three-year sentences to run concurrently were imposed on Byron Bolton, Barker-Karpis kidnaping gangster who sent fifteen of his underworld pals to prison, by Federal District Judge M. M. Joyce today.

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VICE CLEANUP DRIVE ORDERED BY ALLEN

Incensed on learning that a pretty 16-year-old girl has been an inmate of a Monroe street disorderly house, police today announced a campaign against disreputable physicians whose practice has aided children to obtain employment in such places.

The latest complaint, fifth within less than 18 months, resulted in the arrest of a woman for harboring the girl and of a man on a statutory charge. The girl, meanwhile, is in County hospital.

The woman, alleged operator of the place in Monroe street gave her name as Mrs. Margaret "Sis" Clarke, 46, and was booked on the charge of harboring a girl under 18 years of age in a disorderly house.

The man, a cab driver, who is said to have taken the girl to the house, gave his name as Denzel Burton, 28, Broadway.

Physician Notifies Police

Information that the girl was an inmate was given Sergt. Margaret Slater, women's bureau head, Friday when a physician who had treated the 16-year-old girl, revealed to Mrs. Slater the girl's plight.

The girl, having gone to the physician at the insistence of her

sister, had confided in the physician concerning her employment, Mrs. Slater said. This information resulted in questioning of the 19-year-old sister, Mrs. Slater said, and the sister is said to have admitted that the younger girl had told of her activities.

The 16-year-old girl, Mrs. Slater and Policewoman Ella Langendorf reported, came from Tennessee July 3 to take care of her sister's 3-year-old child while the sister was at work.

Late in July, the policewoman reported, the elder sister became ill and the younger girl set out to find work to support the small family. Then, according to Mrs. Slater, the cab driver, who had been friendly with both sisters, offered to help the girls and took the younger girl with him.

Feared to Go to Police

The young girl told her sister she was doing housework, Mrs. Slater said, and said her wages were to be \$7.50 a week. When she returned home with her first week's wages and a new hat and dress besides, the sister became suspicious and questioned the girl, Mrs. Slater said.

Gradually she drew the story from the younger sister, but feared to take the matter to police. However, when the younger girl came home ill late in July after more than a week in the place the elder sister sent her to the physician.

Chief Ray Allen and Mrs. Slater contend that a physician such as the doctor in this case and those in four other cases, should instantly realize the youth of the girl they are examining and report the mat-

ter to authorities. The chief and Mrs. Slater threatened to expose physicians who engage in the practice of giving health certificates to women who are employed in disorderly houses.

The case yesterday recalled other cases within the last 18 months which have involved young girls.

Most notorious of these were the 13-year-old Happy Hour club strip dancer, who also had been an inmate of a Cherry street resort; a 15-year-old girl runaway, an inmate of another Cherry street place; a 14-year-old girl who was taken to a hotel above the Happy Hour club even while the strip dance case was in court; a South Erie street resort where a missing girl was located and where police found a score of pictures of attractive girls, "available for men friends" on call. In most of these cases police obtained convictions and courts gave heavy sentences and fines.

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Ness Is Right.

Director Ness makes a thoroughly fair proposition to the police pension board in the case of Capt. Michael J. Harwood. Serious charges stand against the suspended captain. Ness says they are "allegations which, if sustained, would deprive him of the right under board rules to retire on pension."

The director promises that if investigation fails to sustain the charges against Harwood, he will continue the captain on the active roll of the department, thus assuring him in the end a more generous pension than he could obtain now on the basis of physical disability.

The board wisely grants the director's request. It is no credit to its judgment that it had previously approved Harwood's retirement request by a 3 to 1 vote.

Nothing is more repugnant to sound police policy than to give officers under charges an easy "let-down" by voting them pensions. If the charges are true and the officers are unworthy, they are not entitled to pensions. If the charges are untrue the officers concerned should be foremost in seeking the very sort of procedure which Ness proposes.

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TELLS KARPIS PROTECTION

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HARBORED HERE—Stockholders of the Biscayne Kennel club charge that officials of the track harbored Alvin Karpis, former Public Enemy No. 1, during the gangster leader's visit in Miami, in a suit demanding appointment of a receiver for the club and a general accounting of how revenues were spent. The suit promises sensational developments.



CABINET OFFICER DIES—These scenes briefly review familiar incidents in the life of George H. Dern, secretary of war, who died yesterday morning. Left above, Dern with his wife and son James. Top right, the late secretary of war was an ardent birdman. Inset, a recent photograph of Secretary Dern.

MIAMI'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY WAS 87°

Get Libel Warrants In Dog Track Fight

Warrants charging Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lindsay with criminal libel and perjury were issued late yesterday by Justice of the Peace Thomas S. Ferguson on the affidavit of T. R. Knight, who last night declared that some of the allegations in the bill of complaint filed Thursday by the Lindsays against T. R. Knight, his brother John, and others, "are absolutely false and libelous, constituting criminal libel and perjury."

Woman Is Jailed As Drunk Driver

Judge Cecil C. Curry yesterday cracked the legal whip over two more drunken operators of motor vehicles in Municipal court, fining J. A. Peel, 29, 316 N. W. Eighth ave., \$75 and costs and sentencing him to 15 days in jail for reckless driving, driving while drunk and causing an accident. It was Peel's first offense. Lola Williams, 28, 1324 N. W. Second st., reckless and drunken driving, drew \$50 and costs and 10 days.

Ollie Page, 31, 3818 Sixth ave., arrested Thursday and charged with gambling by booking horse race bets, was fined \$100 and costs. Two arrested in the same raid at 1813 Postal bldg., and charged with unlawful possession of gambling equipment were fined \$50 and costs. They are Ed Edwards, 26, 1137 N. W. 38th st., and Eddie Maloney, 27, 5402 N. W. Fifth court. All pleaded guilty.

Three others, booked for disorderly conduct by attempting to "tip off" the operators of the place, said forfeited \$10

In Tough Spot



Speed Up Work on Streets

In order that city streets may be whipped into shape for the heavy winter traffic, 10 men will be added to the street repair force within the next 30 days, City Engineer C. S. Nichols said yesterday.

The force now is inadequate, Nichols said, to properly maintain street service, but said that the department manages a complete circuit of the city about two and one-

Hits Tipsies



CECIL C. CURRY
... presiding in Municipal court yesterday, sentenced woman motorist for driving while drunk as part of city drive to reduce accidents.

TO SELECT DATE

is under federal indictment for harboring Alvin Karpis, erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, while the dethroned gangster czar was in Miami.

"That suit they filed," Knight said, "is ridiculous. Lindsay has been treated just as good as any other stockholder. Some of the allegations in the bill of complaint are absolutely false and libelous, constituting criminal libel and perjury. Warrants were issued for both the Lindsays this afternoon by Ferguson. I swore out the affidavits."

"This will be followed by a number of other actions both criminal and civil tomorrow," Knight asserted.

"The allegation that I made a statement that I was going to take \$10,000 for myself because if I were going to protect gangsters I was going to get something out of it, is ridiculous on the face of it, because with all my faults I have never been accused of being a fool and any man that would make such a statement undoubtedly would be a fool."

"It has never been my policy to

22, 1108 N. W. 20th terrace, and Leon Huff, 89, 1829 N. W. Second ave.
Johnny Sweeting, 81, negro, Thomas ave., Coconut Grove, was sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Beach Permits Near \$1,500,000

Miami Beach building soared onward toward an estimated \$1,500,000 mark for the month of August yesterday with the issuance of three permits totaling \$41,000 for new construction.

C. T. Hutchison was granted a permit to erect a six-unit apartment, with servant quarters and four garages at 6770 Collins ave. Value of construction placed at \$20,000. C. O. Saal obtained a permit for a four-unit apartment building at 624 Michigan ave., value, \$10,000.

Permits for two stores at 1716 and 1729 Alton road were granted to Mrs. Emma C. Feltus. Construction costs were filed at \$11,000.

WEATHER ADVISORY REPORTS DISTURBANCE OFF TRINIDAD

Another seasonal tropical disturbance is brewing in the Caribbean sea, according to a weather advisory issued at 8 p. m. (CST.), by the San Juan, Puerto Rico bureau. The storm, which was located about 500 miles east of Port of Spain, Trinidad, is probably moving west-northwestward, the advisory stated.

The advisory follows:
"Some indications of a tropical disturbance about 12 degrees north, 45 degrees west, probably moving west-northwestward. Caution advised vessels east of the Lesser Antilles during the next 48 hours."

Doctor Bankrupt

Dr. Eugene Stanley Robbins, West Palm Beach physician, yesterday filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy in U. S. District court. The matter was referred to L. Earl Curry, one of the referees in bankruptcy for the court. Dr. Robbins' schedule listed

A. E. FULLER

... city finance director must find nearly \$30,000 if the city winter tourist entertainment campaign is to go forward.

repair and replacement planned because the street city budget did not increase the street repair item over last year. The department has slightly more than \$200,000 for maintenance purposes.

Realty Booms

Greater real estate activity in Dade county is exemplified by the increase in mortgages over previous years, J. M. Lummus, Jr., county tax assessor, noted yesterday. He pointed out that mortgages had increased 25 percent from January 1, 1935, to January 1, 1936. Lummus' calculations were the result of his effort to list all mortgages for taxation purposes.

Draft New Ordinance For Tourist Camps

Operators of tourist and trailer camps within Miami's city limits will have to walk the chalk line this season, according to City Zoning Inspector Frank Stearns, if a

proposed ordinance giving the municipality strict powers of regulation of such camps is passed.

The new ordinance, Stearns said yesterday is the outgrowth of many conferences between camp owners and city officials, and contains regulations for two types of camps. One, the camp providing both trailer space and cabins; and two, the straight auto camp. The only power the city now has is a zoning ordinance allowing property owners in certain sections of the city to permit one trailer on their property, provided the sanitary facilities of the home are open to trailer occupants at all times.

Under proposed new regulations, each camp must be enclosed by a fence or hedge six feet high and streets inside the area must be at least 18 feet in width. Each trailer to be allotted a space of 25 by 35 feet and be marked five feet inside these boundary lines and 10 feet from adjacent property. Minimum size of any camp is established at 22,000 square feet, and shall be located 50 feet from city streets. Camps shall

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Wednesday to select a date for the society dog show, according to an announcement made yesterday. (Continued on Page Twenty-five)

Tourist Budget Is Overdrawn

Faced with the dilemma of how to make \$45,000 equal \$76,000, Miami city commissioners yesterday found themselves confronting the prospect of being unable to finance

the annual Orange Bowl football game, tourist entertainment in Bayfront park and numerous other special features of city promotion that have become traditional during the past few years.

Members of the commission are studying a report placed before them by Finance Director A. E. Fuller. The report points out that although only \$45,506 is set aside in the city's \$150,800 publicity budget as a fund for general city promotion, the commission also

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Grants Writ

Federal Judge John W. Holland yesterday granted to the Georgia Bond and Mortgage company of Atlanta, an alternative writ of mandamus for collection of a \$12,675.47 judgment, plus 6 percent interest from July 1, from the city of Vero Beach. The judgment is for defaulted municipal bonds. The Georgia company is represented in the litigation by L. Eagle and Shands, attorneys.

Longshoremen Strike Threat Here Doubted

Although none would be quoted, heads of ocean shipping interests here, in a general canvass yesterday, expressed opinions that there will be no general strike of

longshoremen and no tieup of shipping facilities in the port of Miami.

The concensus appeared to be that despite what longshoremen are saying and what they are threatening, there is not much danger of a strike because labor conciliators and representatives of both unions and companies are working toward an equitable settlement.

No companies are making special preparations to move goods in case a strike is called, it was learned.

ARCHIBALD WILL PROBATE HERE

The will of H. T. Archibald, wealthy Miami Beach sportsman and eastern chain candy store operator, definitely will be filed for probate here, J. Newt Lummus, county tax assessor, announced yesterday. Archibald died in Swampscott, Mass., of heart failure, August 24.

Lummus declared that Archibald had entered his intangible tax returns for 1936 from Miami Beach and therefore is considered a bona fide resident of Dade county. He estimated that the probate will mean approximately \$30,000 to the state in inheritance taxes, the estate being evaluated at nearly \$1,000,000.

File Will

The last will and testament of William Kinkaid, dated May 8 of this year, was filed for probate yesterday before County Judge W. F. Blanton. The will leaves the entire estate to Mrs. Anna L. Larson.

Warrants Issued in Track Case

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unsavory reputations, I only ask the public to wait for the outcome of court records from Georgia as well as Florida."

Knight, stocky, blond and smiling, sat at a small table in a reception room of the El Commodore hotel, which he built in 1924, and discussed freely visits at the hotel by Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her son. He said he did not feel called upon at the time to investigate the identity of the trio and did not report their presence to the police.

"The boys used to come down in the lobby and play the marble machine," he said.

He said he told Adams to "find out who they were," and Adams reported the strangers said they ran some gambling places in a Middle West city, but that their political friends were out of office at the time and they had come south for a while.

Carson Bradford, named with Adams, the Knights and others as the "conspirators" in the Lindsay suit, was the owner of the farm near Ocala where "Ma" Barker and her son were shot to death by G men, Knight admitted.

"It was rented to them right here in the hotel," he said.

"Ma" Barker spent about two months at the El Commodore in the fall of 1934, Knight said, while "the others were in and out, staying a few weeks at a time."

He pooh-poohed one of the three federal indictments pending against Adams on the grounds he packed a machine-gun for Karpis after the latter left Miami.

"It wasn't a machine gun—it was an automatic rifle," Knight explained. "It was sent over to Rolfe's—the people who operate the armored car service—to try and sell it after it was left here. It stands to reason nobody would send a gun to a legitimate company if there was anything funny about it."

Knight admitted, too, that an employe of the Biscayne Kennel club, whose financial affairs are the basis of the Lindsay suit, was questioned in connection with the killing of "Skeets" Downs, whose bullet-riddled body was found on a lonely roadside far out in the northwest section of Miami two winters ago.

"He was a nice fellow," Knight commented, adding that Downs operated a number of gambling establishments in Miami, including bookmaking places, dice games and others.

But the fact that one of the dog track's employes was questioned had no significance, Knight indicated, because hundreds of persons were questioned about the "Skeets" Downs murder.

LETHAL

Track Stockholders Charge Gang Threats

By JEANNE BELLAMY

Alvin Karpis, dethroned gangster czar and once the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, was harbored in Miami by the head of the Biscayne Kennel club and was a pal and confidante of prominent local business men, it was charged yesterday in a 40-page petition filed in Circuit court for the appointment of a receiver for the track and a general accounting of the property.

City Turns Down Dime Cab Offer

The efforts of at least one taxicab company to establish taxi rates commensurate with the means of average citizens met with city officialdom's cold shoulder, it was revealed yesterday by W. C. Dorsey, president of the Blue and Gray Cab company.

Dorsey said that his concern is interested in offering to the city a 10 cent cab system as now used in Jacksonville, or a zone rate setup of 25 cents for the first two miles or fraction thereof, covering one or more passengers and with hand baggage carried free of charge.

In a letter addressed to City Manager L. L. Lee, dated August 26, Dorsey said:

"We note that the files of your office show a protest filed to our original suggestion that the city commission of the city of Miami

No Cabs



ILA Head Sees End Of Dispute

Members of the International Longshoremen's association in Miami will continue their determined fight for recognition of their union by steamship companies, C. H. Vesella, representative, declared yesterday. He further said that

Perfects Appeal



JOHN W. WATSON, JR., city attorney perfects appeal to Supreme court on injunction granted by Circuit Court Judge Jefferson B. Brown prohibiting Miami police from holding club licenses for inspection purposes.

The suit declares that the track is in danger of losing its franchise because of a "conspiracy" among majority stockholders whereby Joe H. Adams, under indictment by a federal grand jury for sheltering Karpis, is kept in control of the corporation's affairs. But the lengthy document also contains other sensational charges against the present management, including the following:

1. That T. R. Knight, a director of the dog track is quoted as having announced that "he was going to take to himself a salary of \$10,000 because he was not going to take the risk of protecting gangsters without getting something for it."

2. That Adams communicated threats to the plaintiffs that efforts to examine the company's books would be met with bombings of their homes, mutilation and "other bodily harm."

3. That Howard Weonick, engaged to examine the books, was assaulted during the spring of 1935.

4. That stockholders have been

... they can accomplish... we are not interested in the... ular personal problems of... companies here in the city... el, however, that so far as... company is concerned we... operate on the cheaper basis... profit and at the same time... the citizens of this com... type of service to which... re entitled."



L. L. LEE
... city manager, has ignored offer of dime cab company to aid in transportation problem.

Director Lauds Traffic Bureau

Sharp decrease in traffic accidents and motor fatalities expected by Safety Director Andrew J. Kavanaugh as he gets his auto accident prevention bureau to work in November, he said.

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Will Oppose Publicity Ouster

Attorney John W. Watson said yesterday that he either will demur or file a motion to quash an alternative writ of mandamus demanding that the commission show cause why it should not remove three of the city publicity grounds that they are the residence of Miami

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...on is part of the suit... Miller, a taxpayer, to... city commission to oust... Phillips, chairman... and Frank Smithers... the board. The city... standstill has re-

130 Families Seeking PWA Project Homes

Applications of 130 negro families to reside in the \$1,000,000 PWA negro housing project already have been received, Col. C. S. Coe, district director of the housing division of PWA, said yesterday. The 243-unit lay out will be complete by December 1 and will be ready immediately for occupancy of 1,000 people.

RESUME WORK ON AQUARIUM

Work of raising and constructing a concrete basin for Miami's 12-year-old landmark, the Aquarium, was resumed yesterday. Started early this summer, the project was suspended during the absence on vacation of Capt. E. J. Walters, manager.

...fused to heed the original writ, Mayor A. D. M. Poseny stating that the commission will carry the suit to the Supreme court if necessary.

with pay for overtime, adequate salaries and a closed shop with the right of collective bargaining.

Stating that he expects an amicable and satisfactory adjustment of differences between dock workers and shipping interests at a conference here next month, Vessella continued:

"The struggle for wage adjustment and better working conditions does not only apply to the negro longshoremen, but also to approximately 100 white men employed as checkers, clerks and watchmen at this port. These white men have been organized for the past three months and their complaints are to be considered along with those of the general longshoremen."

"Although the conference scheduled for yesterday between representatives of the local union and (Continued on Page Twenty-six)

Although rentals have not been set, Colonel Coe said he expected them to range from approximately \$15 monthly to \$30 monthly judging from a similar project already completed in Atlanta, Ga. The units range in size from two to five rooms and the rental includes free water and electricity. Aside from stoves, refrigeration and heating units the buildings are unfurnished.

The housing director explained that the applications would be accepted in the order received, provided the applicants comply with certain regulations.

First, Colonel Coe said, the family must show an income not less than four times the monthly rental and not more than five times the building rental.

"We are not competing with private housing values," he explained.

Second, the family must show a clean bill of health, and third, the size of the family must regulate the size of the house.

City Perfects Slot Injunction Appeal

An appeal to the State Supreme court from the judgment of Circuit Court Judge Jefferson B. Browne who enjoined Miami police from seizing slot machines for

COUNTY SEEKS ESTATE LEVY

Florida and Dade county are making a strong bid for the \$50,000 due them in inheritance tax from the estate of the late H. Teller Archibald, Chicago candy manufacturer, provided the will is probated in local courts, J. N. Lummus, Jr., county tax assessor revealed yesterday.

Lummus said that he would attempt to prove that Archibald's residence was officially in Miami Beach. He will produce proof of the millionaire's registration in Miami Beach and his efforts to obtain a partial homestead exemption here in order to substantiate his claims, the tax assessor said.

ARREST BOOKIE
Elmer Watts, 24, was arrested last night at S. E. Ninth court and 14th st., and charged with operating a horse book.

CORAL GABLES MERCHANT WINS FIRST ROUND OF SLOT BATTLE

Harry Peacock, proprietor of a store at 2308 Ponce de Leon blvd., yesterday won the first round of his battle with Coral Gables authorities over his right to operate slot machines in his place of business.

Realtor Head Miamian Now

Frank R. Jewett, Vero Beach, president of the Florida Association of Realty Boards, will open a Miami office soon. Ted Reber, secretary of the Miami board, announced yesterday.

Jewett, accompanied by L. A. Zahne, prominent New York realtor, who is interested in both Miami and Miami Beach properties for investment purposes, will speak at tomorrow night's regular dinner meeting of the Miami board at the University club.

inspection last May, will be ready for presentation within the next few days, City Attorney John W. Watson said yesterday.

The suit was instituted against the city by Attorney J. Frits Gordon, slot machine operators' counsel, after police had rounded up more than 100 machines for examination to determine whether the mechanism was "gimmicked" to regulate payoffs. Judge Browne granted the injunction and refused the city's motion to dissolve the injunction.

"We are preparing briefs," Watson said, "to be sent to the Supreme court within the next few days in which we contend, first, that slot machines come within classification 4 and not in classification 1, which is vending machines, because they do not vend merchandise and are strictly money machines. We contend further that because it was admitted that all state and county licenses had not been paid, the police were within their rights in seizing the machines."

Circuit Court Judge Jefferson B. Browne issued an alternative writ of mandamus, returnable September 15, requiring the municipality to show cause why it should not issue a slot machine license to plaintiff. No action was taken on a plea for an injunction to stop Coral Gables police from arresting Peacock for operation of slot machines in defiance of present city zoning ordinances.

The suit is regarded as a test case of Coral Gables' zoning regulations, which at present banish slot machines to the "industrial" (Continued on Page Twenty-six).

Name Karpis Aides In Dog Track Suit

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intimidated by threats of terrorism.

5. That the Knight brothers "have persisted in retaining Adams as general manager" in spite of Adams' "unsavory reputation and in utter disregard of all decent public opinion."

Blamed specifically for the situation are John C. Knight, former member of the Miami City Commission and a former director of the defunct Bank of Bay Biscayne, and his brother, T. R. Knight, who is Adams' father-in-law.

The petition mentions the protection given Karpis in one salient paragraph wherein Knight is quoted as announcing that "he was going to take to himself a salary of \$10,000, because he was not going to take the risk of protecting gangsters without getting something for it."

"They turned over and caused to be turned over and into the hands and management the affairs and business of said corporation," the petition asserts, "to the aforementioned J. H. Adams. And plaintiffs here aver and show that on to-wit: February 7, 1936, the said J. H. Adams was indicted by the grand jury of the United States District court in and for the southern district of Florida in three separate bills of indictment, charging the said J. H. Adams, among other things, with aiding and abetting a fugitive from justice. Plaintiffs further show that the fugitive from justice in the indictment was one Alvin Karpis, now serving a term of imprisonment upon a plea of guilty of a charge of kidnaping and who was prior to his conviction and incarceration known and generally referred to as Public Enemy No. 1.

"Despite the unsavory reputation of the said J. H. Adams," the suit continues, "and in utter disregard of all decent public opinion in this community, the said T. R. Knight and his brother, John, have persisted during the past three racing seasons in retaining the said J. H. Adams as general manager, conspicuously advertising that fact in the public press and through other advertising mediums.

"Because of the reputation and conduct of the said J. H. Adams placed in the management and control and held out to the public generally as the manager of and in control of the business and affairs of the defendant, Biscayne Kennel club, Inc., and because of the reputation of persons with which the said J. H. Adams surrounded himself and held out to the public as his associates and assistants, the said defendant, Biscayne Kennel club, Inc., has come into disrepute and said conduct upon the part of the said Adams, the said T. R. Knight and the said J. C. Knight and others associated with, confederating with and conspiring with said Knights and said Adams, the aforesaid franchise or permit is in grave jeopardy of being lost, which should the same occur, would result in irreparable loss to these plaintiffs and all other persons similarly situated."

The bill of complaint also charges that Adams, "through chicanery and nefarious scheming," gained control of 2,064 of the total 3,145 shares of the corporation's common voting stock.

"T. R. Knight and John C. Knight," the suit continues, "notwithstanding their protestations of honesty and good faith and their desires to protect the interest of all stockholders alike have with full knowledge of the wrongful conduct of the said J. H. Adams and his 'associates' in appropriating to themselves the common stock acquired in the

manner hereinabove set forth, ratified and approved and do continue to ratify and approve said wrongful conduct and have thereby become parties thereto."

Describing the predicament of minority stockholders, the suit alleges:

"From the beginning of the operation of the business of said defendants, Biscayne Kennel club, Inc., there was formed a conspiracy and confederation by and amongst certain of the owners of the majority of the common and preferred stock of said corporation for the purpose and with the intent to operate said business for the enrichment of said stockholders so conspiring, and to defeat the rights of minority stockholders including these plaintiffs."

As a result, the bill asserts, the track has been "almost continuously embroiled in litigation wherein and whereby minority stockholders have sought to correct and prevent the fraud and mismanagement upon the part of such majority stockholders."

The conspirators resorted to gangster tactics to prevent court action that might expose their dealings, the suit charges.

"Plaintiffs were prevented from asserting or attempting to assert or aiding or assisting other persons similarly situated with the plaintiffs of any right, or privilege in the management of the affairs and business of said defendant, Biscayne Kennel Club, Inc., and were prevented from protecting or attempting to protect their rights and interests therein as hereinabove set forth because of having been in fear of great bodily harm and threats of terrorism received from the aforementioned J. H. Adams communicated directly from said Adams to these plaintiffs that if plaintiffs undertook to or persisted in an effort to examine or caused to be examined the books and records of the affairs of said defendant, Biscayne Kennel Club, Inc., in and by which these plaintiffs were told that further efforts along that line would meet with the bombing of their home, mutilation and other bodily harm.

"Moreover these plaintiffs allege and charge upon information and belief that the said J. H. Adams from the beginning of his connection and association with, control and management of the affairs of the defendant, Biscayne Kennel club, Inc., the said J. H. Adams has adopted and carried out the same attitude and methods of being unfair, brow-beating and abusing other persons, and did as plaintiffs are informed and believe on or about the 26th day of April, 1933, assault and otherwise maltreat one Howard Weemick, then engaged with permission as he thought, of the said J. H. Adams in the examination of the books of the defendant, Biscayne Kennel club, Inc."

The plaintiffs in the suit are Celeste Dunbar Lindsay, authoress, and her husband, Robert G. Lindsay, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, both now residents of Miami in the Shenandoah section. Their attorneys in the case are Thomas J. Dowdell and John J. Lindsey.

They charge the kennel club owes them a total of \$72,500, including \$50,000 for preferred stock and \$22,500 unpaid dividends.

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KNIGHT GETS LIBEL WRITS

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REBELS IN NIGHT ATTACK AT IRUN



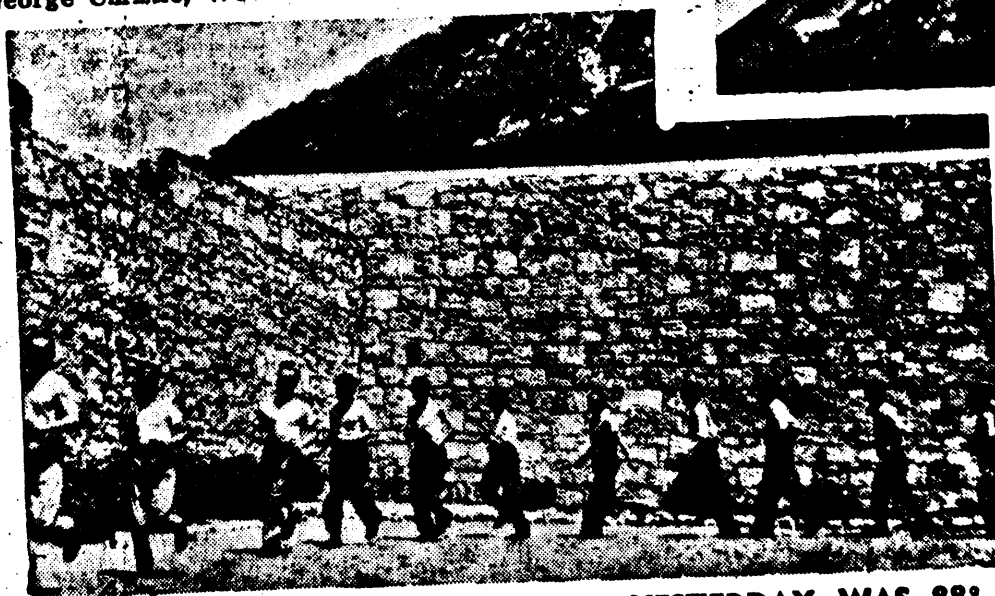
MANY HAPPY RETURNS—Mayor A. D. H. Fossey (left) extends hearty thanks to Attorney William J. Pruitt, who yesterday presented Hia Honor with a 16-pound birthday cake from Mayor George Sergeant and the citizens of Dallas, Texas. Right, George Christie, WIOD announcer.



MAKING GOOD—Paul J. O'Connor (left) and Robert E. MacWilliams of the internal revenue bureau here exchange mutual congratulations. MacWilliams becomes head of the district bureau soon and O'Connor succeeds him in charge of the Miami office.



WITNESS—W. R. Owens, special officer for Seaboard Air Line railway, yesterday testified in Criminal court against four negro youths accused of breaking into a commissary car and stealing a case of candy and a crate of auto accessories.



MIAMI'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY WAS 88°

SAFE AGAIN—Spanish soldiers and customs officials who fled across border to Gibraltar during early days of civil conflict exercise in British detention barracks.

REBELS BOMB MADRID; ATTACK IRUN AT NIGHT

LOYALIST POSITIONS NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN RUSHED ON 3 SIDES

MADRID, Aug. 28. (UP)—Four rebel airplanes flew over the center of Madrid at 11:30 o'clock tonight. They caused great confusion among the populace.

Two hours later, it was announced officially that rebel planes dropped four bombs, injuring four persons.

BEHOBIE, Spain, Aug. 28. (UP)—Spanish rebels unleashed a terrific bombardment against Fort San Marcial tonight. Beginning at 11 p. m., rebel cannon mounted in the hills southeast of Irun began firing steadily. Loyalists answered the rebel barrage with

volleys of rifle and machine gun fire, sweeping the rebel positions. This was the first large scale night attack in the siege of Irun.

The rebels, seeking an outlet to the sea through Irun and San Sebastian, launched a surprise attack late this afternoon. Spanish Foreign Legionnaires and Moroccan Moors rushed

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Threatened



MRS. IDA YOUNG DENAULT . . . heiress to a patent medicine fortune fled her Long Meadow home near Springfield, Mass., and went into seclusion, following three extortion notes. G men are on the case.

Roosevelt Sees Hope For West

ABOARD ROOSEVELT SPECIAL, Aug. 28. (UP) The solution of the drought menace can be found in co-operation of federal, state and local governments, President Roosevelt said today as he continued his tour through the arid area.

The chief executive entered South Dakota after a final inspection tour in and about Jamestown, N. D., over roads washed by morning rains. He visited WPA dam and road projects, talked to the workers and in conclusion spoke in heartening terms to several thousand citizens who crowded about the rear platform of his private car at the railroad station.

"I am perfectly sure," he said, "that with co-operation between the three different kinds of government—local government, state government and federal government—we are going to find a solution for our problem, not only taking care of the immediate necessities now and through this winter but, beyond that, of work-

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News Briefs

LOCAL

Miami's single visitor from the island of Trinidad this summer is Elmo Bearden, who is spending an extended vacation here in preference to his former home in Pennsylvania "because it is cooler here." He says: "Now that our British colony off the northeastern coast of South America is within 12 hours' travel time from Miami, I believe your city, noted for its hospitality as well as its beauty, should attract more and more people from that British colony and also from the countries of the West Indies in between."

Testifying to the boom in building in the Miami area, the large freighter SS. Kentucky arrived here yesterday from New York with a shipload of building materials from the east. The load was consigned to Albury and company, shipping brokers.

Emmett F. Phillips, immigration and naturalization inspector, was called yesterday to the bedside of his father, who is seriously ill at his home in Hattiesburg, Miss.

NATIONAL

LITCHFIELD, Minn., Aug. 28. The condition of Magnus Johnson, former United States senator from Minnesota, turned "for the worse" as he fought against a severe case of pneumonia today.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 28. Frank (Woody) Hockaday, who last night bombarded an American Legion banquet with white feathers, was held today for St. Elizabeth's asylum authorities in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Advance reports to the Association of American Railroads indicated today operating revenues of 113 class one roads during July increased 27.4 percent over same month last year.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 28. Gov. Hjalmar Petersen today proclaimed himself a candidate for the Farmer-Labor senatorial nomination vacated by the death of Gov. Floyd B. Olson.

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Man Who Aided Garbo Sues for His \$10,500

ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS

AUG 28 1936

Mrs. Sawyer Witness In Brown Case

Wife Of Convicted Kid- naper Will Appear Against Ousted Detec- tive On Monday.

Gladys Sawyer, wife of the convicted "finger man" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, will testify against Thomas A. Brown, dismissed police detective, when the civil service board resumes its hearing Monday on his ouster appeal.

Mrs. Sawyer, it was learned today, will be one of more than a score of witnesses, many of whom testified in the three kidnap trials in federal district court, who will be called upon by the city to repeat their tales before the civil service board.

Dahill, Tierney Called.

Federal bureau of investigation agents who talked to Harry Sawyer when he was captured in Mississippi in the spring of 1935 and who interviewed him while he was at the Ramsey county jail, also are reported among the witnesses to be called, The Daily News learned today.

Two of the most important witnesses to be used by the city will be Thomas W. Dahill, former chief of police, and Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives. Mr. Dahill testified at the recent trial of John P. Peiffer that Brown reported to him there were two suspicious characters at 204 Vernon ave., where Fred Barker and Paula Harmon and several of the William Hamm kidnapers, are alleged to have lived up to June 19, 1933.

Mrs. Sawyer testified at the Peiffer trial that she overheard a conversation between her husband and Peiffer in which the latter is alleged to have told Harry Sawyer, that he had \$36,000, some of which belonged to Tom Brown.

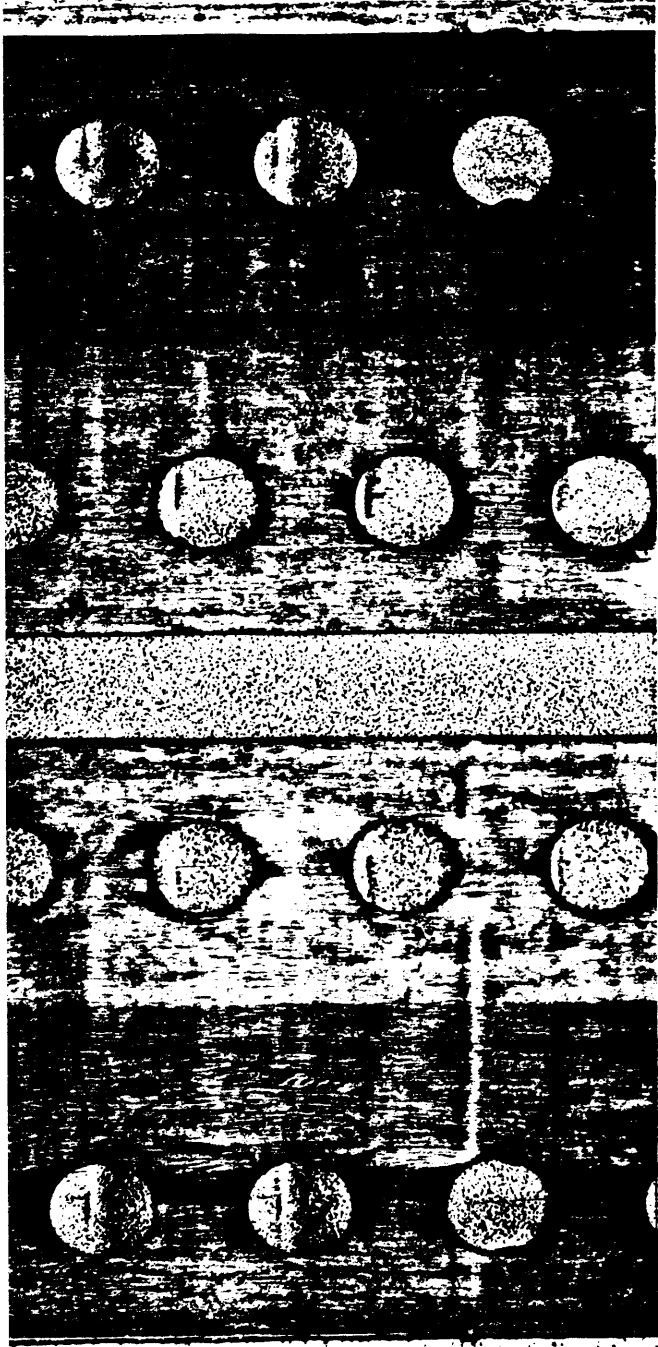
Adjourned Aug. 21.

The hearing, adjourned Aug. 21, after Byron Bolton, the federal government's ace witness at three kidnap trials, had testified, will be resumed at 10 a. m. Monday in the criminal courtroom, on the eighth floor of the city hall-courthouse.

Bolton testified that Brown was to receive \$25,000 for the Hamm kidnaping and \$5,000 for the Bremer snatch. He said that the reason Brown did not get the latter money was because he was one of the four police officers who shot Homer Van Meter, at University ave. and Marion st. Aug. 24, 1934.

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KARPIS AIDE SENTENCED

Byron Bolton Gets Three 4-Year Terms After Helping Prosecution.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 25 (AP).—Four three-year sentences to run concurrently were imposed on Byron Bolton, erstwhile Barker-Karpis gangster who sent fifteen of his underworld pals to prison, by Federal District Judge M. M. Joyce today.

Bolton, star witness for the government in the trials of various gang members convicted of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer and the \$100,000 William Hamm kidnappings, had pleaded guilty to each of three abduction charges. He pleaded innocent to a fourth charge.

George F. Sullivan, Federal attorney, urged the court to be lenient, explaining to Judge Joyce that Bolton's testimony enabled the government to indict twenty-nine kidnapers, among them Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, gang leaders now serving life terms in Alcatraz.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

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Warren Mail Robber Is Still In County

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Government Leary About Sending Him to Federal Pen Pending Investigation

Several Akron People Getting Jitters
Over Prospect of Probe Including A
Few Others.

Diesz Tries To Collect Reward

Canton, O.—With the holding of George Sargent in the Cuyahoga county jail, after having been convicted of the Warren mail robbery of sixteen months ago, several folks are getting the jitters as rumors of a complete investigation of the actions of certain people after the trial including an Akron official or two, threatened to send someone else to the pen along with Sargent.

It is known that former Detective

Chief Fred Deiz, whose most becoming title is that of "ex," made three unsuccessful attempts, and a like number of affidavits, all different, to collect the rewards offered for the arrest and conviction of the mail robber.

Deisz may be brought under the toils of the law, the charge reading something like perjury or the equal, as the result of his changes of mind with regard to his part in the cap-

ture and solution of the crime.

The government itself is not apparently satisfied with the outcome of the case as Sargent is being still confined in the county jail, when ordinarily he would have been transported to the pen long ago.

Now the government's staff of investigators and prosecutors have a reputation for bringing justice to the right ends but the attitude taken in not taking Sargent to the pen would indicate that some one may feel justice was not given a fair hearing in the case. It would seem that some of the government boys might have been literally "taken in" by some unscrupulous boys with an ace up their sleeve.

The outcome of the whole case is being watched with interest and it shouldn't be long before some definite action is forthcoming.

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August 27, 1936

R. E. JOSEPH

Gang Leader Hears Gates Slam Shut

San Francisco. — An unpleasant sound is probably ringing through the ears of another captive of the famed G-Men.

Alvin Karpis, last of the so-called "big shot" kidnapers to go through the government's new crime-smashing machine, was locked up in grim Alcatraz Prison.

With him to the bleak rock in San Francisco Bay went two of his erstwhile companions, Harry Campbell and Charles J. Fitzgerald.

An iron-barred railway coach brought the Karpis gangsters and 17 others, Federal prisoners, from Leavenworth Penitentiary in Kansas to Oakland today. A launch moved them to the island.

Karpis, who was captured in New Orleans May 1 after eluding Federal pursuers for many months, is under life sentence, having pleaded guilty to a charge of having conspired to kidnap William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer.

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"JUSTICE GETS ROUGH WITH KIDNAPING GANG"

CHICAGO SUNDAY TIMES

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JUSTICE GETS ROUGH

By PETER LEVINS

JUSTICE in the William Hamm kidnaping of St. Paul, Minn., scored a brilliant victory—more brilliant, in a way, than any other triumph in the drive on the snatch racket, for at one time in this case the government appeared to have been counted out. A whole set of defendants, every one of them a notorious malefactor, had been tried and found not guilty. The government had been decisively licked. It appeared that the Hamm crime, committed at the height of the kidnap industry, would have to be marked down as a complete defeat for Justice.

But we know now that the federal forces kept right on fighting. Their comeback bout has been a masterly one. Within recent days they have struck their final knockout blows. The case is closed, and the snatch industry seems very, very dead.

William Hamm, 39-year-old millionaire bachelor, left his office in the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., of which he had become president and treasurer after the death of his father, at 12:45 p. m., June 15, 1933. It was his practice every business day to walk to his home for luncheon.

The first news that he had been abducted somewhere between the office and his home came at 2:30 p. m., when William J. Dunn, sales manager of the company, received a telephone call, informing him that his employer had been kidnaped, and that the ransom had been set at \$100,000.

Dunn at first thought it a joke, but after he had telephoned the Hamm residence and learned that the handsome and athletic brewer had not come home to lunch, he called the police and the county attorney's office.

If this case had happened more recently, federal men would have been on the job at once—and things would have been different. But at that time the Federal Bureau of Investigation had not as yet launched its great drive against public enemies in general and kidnapers in particular. It was not until after the Kansas City massacre, two days after the Hamm abduction, that the G-men really got going. Before the Kansas City atrocity the agents were not permitted to carry guns, and were otherwise poorly equipped for a war on outlaws.

The Hamm family, including the victim's mother, brother and two sisters, asked that the police hold off until after the release of the captive. There was some police activity, but not much, and what little the police did was largely misdirected. (Possibly so, as you shall see.)

Dunn heard from the kidnapers next at

which would flash its headlights five times. Dunn was to drop the package of money into the road and continue on in the direction of Duluth, Minn., 165 miles north of St. Paul, still at a leisurely rate of speed.

Dunn followed instructions that Saturday night. Few details of the negotiations had been made public, but Herbert J. Charles, attorney for the Hamm family, told reporters that he was sure the captive would be released some time that night. Members of the family gathered at the mother's home. A long night of waiting, and then—



Edmund C. Bartholmey (left, above), Bensenville postmaster, and Alvin Karpis, co-kidnapers of William Hamm. At left: where Hamm was held prisoner.



notorious kidnaper, at that time a fugitive.

The strain of waiting for her son's return proved too much for Mrs. Theodore Hamm, the brewer's mother. She became ill that morning of his release, and never recovered. (She died the following Sept. 3.)

All in all, this had been a very neat snatch. There seemed to be no clues whatever. County Atty. M. F. Kinkaid, in desperation, offered immunity to any member of the gang who would squeal. There were no nibbles following this announcement. St. Paul business men raised \$30,000 reward. Nothing happened.

On June 20 Hamm drove north in an effort to locate the house in which he had been held. Accompanying him were Inspector Charles Tierney and Det. Thomas

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Dunn heard from the kidnapers next at 1:30 o'clock the following morning, when he was told that a message would soon be delivered at his home.

Thirty minutes later a taxicab arrived and the driver, Leo Allison, handed Dunn a letter which stated that the \$100,000 must consist of fives, tens and twenties in old money and be delivered in an open truck, driven by one man. Attached to the bottom was a transcript signed by Hamm, urging immediate payment of the ransom. Dunn, the letter said, must drive the truck.

The taxi driver said that a man had approached him near the Hotel Lowry and asked him how much he would charge to deliver a letter to 1916 Summit ave. Allison said one dollar. The man had given him two dollars, along with the letter, then walked away at once. Allison said it was rather dark, and he hadn't been able to get a good look at the man.

SHORTLY before 11 o'clock that night, Friday, the 16th, there was a telephone call to the drug store of Clarence J. Thomas, not far from the Dunn home. The caller said he was Dunn and that he had left a letter addressed to him in the telephone booth. "Will you have some one bring it around to my house?" said the voice.

Thomas found the letter, and sent a clerk to the Dunn home. Thus were the kidnapers able to get another message to the contact man without using the United States mails.

This one stated that the \$100,000 must be rushed, or the gang's demand would be boosted to \$150,000, and directed that members of the Hamm family and company remain in the brewery offices all the next afternoon as there would be a telephone call, giving final instructions.

Now, as it happened, Dunn could not drive a truck, although he had driven many passenger cars. He mentioned this to the police in the course of a conference at the brewery.

The next afternoon there was a phone call for L. J. Sullwold, associated with the Hamm company. A voice told him that he would find a letter for Dunn in his car. This message stated that the money need not be delivered in a truck, but that Dunn should use his own car if the doors were removed—this so that one or more persons might not conceal themselves in the machine. Somehow the gang had learned that Dunn could not drive a truck.

The letter directed that a red lantern be placed on the rear of the car, and that Dunn drive along Highway 61 at a rate of speed not to exceed twenty miles an hour. Upon receiving a signal from a car



William Hamm, millionaire St. Paul brewer and kidnap victim, with his wife after his return home.

The phone rang at 5:30 a. m. It was Hamm himself calling from a farmhouse near Wyoming, Minn., 45 miles from St. Paul. He had just been released. He reached his home at about 8:30, and readily told his story of the abduction.

HE said he had walked about a block from his office when a man came up to him, saying, "Hello, Mr. Hamm," at the same time holding out his hand.

"Hello," said the brewer, accepting the other man's hand.

As soon as he said this, another man seized his other hand and they rushed him into a car. He saw no guns but felt them against his side. There were three men, one of them behind the wheel. They placed a white hood over his eyes at once, telling him to lie down on the floor. When they had traveled about thirty miles they met

another car and stopped for a while. Hamm, still lying on the floor, signed four ransom notes.

Now, as the drive was resumed, the hood was taken off and a pair of goggles, covered inside with cotton, placed over his eyes. The drive lasted, he thought, about eight hours. The goggles were removed just before the car pulled up in front of a two-story white house. He was hustled into a bedroom on the second floor. And there he had remained until after the ransom was paid.

Hamm said he got only fleeting glimpses of his captors. He believed there had been five or six in the gang. Whenever any of them entered the room he had to face the wall.

It was reported in the newspapers that Hamm had said that one of the two men who abducted him resembled Verne Sankley,



Harry Campbell



Charles Fitzgerald



Elmer Farmer pleaded guilty in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

ber of the gang who would squeal. There were no nibbles following this announcement. St. Paul business men raised a \$30,000 reward. Nothing happened.

On June 20 Hamm drove north in an effort to locate the house in which he had been held. Accompanying him were Inspector Charles Tierney and Det. Thomas A. Brown, who had been active on the case from the beginning. It was a fruitless hunt. Chief of Police Thomas Dahill had thought Superior, Wis., a likely spot for the house, as Hamm had recalled that the weather during his captivity had seemed rather pleasant, whereas in St. Paul and vicinity it had been scorching hot.

A whole month passed, then abruptly there was a most sensational announcement.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated on July 24 that four members of the notorious Touhy gang, suspected in the recent Jake Factor kidnaping in Chicago, and arrested five days before at Elkhorn, Wis., had been identified as the abductors of William Hamm. The prisoners were Roger Tonhy, Edward McFadden, Gus Bohaefer and Willie Sharkey.

"We have positive identifications," Purvis was reported as saying.

The intimation was that Hamm himself had made the identification, yet the brewer denied this. He stated in St. Paul that he had viewed the four suspects in Chicago and had not been able "to identify either by sight or sound of voices any of the prisoners." This statement appeared in newspapers throughout the country at that time. Nevertheless the authorities went right ahead, apparently quite confident that the guilty men were in custody.

"We have a very good case against these men," said Lewis L. Drill, the United States attorney at St. Paul. He did not recite just what the case consisted of.

TOUHY and his three companions-in-crime were indicted Aug. 12 under the Lindbergh law, charged with having transported a kidnap victim across state lines. Their trial opened the following Nov. 9 before U. S. Dist. Judge Mathew M. Joyce.

The government's case began to fall apart soon after the jury was selected. Hamm could not be persuaded to identify a single defendant. The most he would say, was that McFadden "resembled" the man who drove the kidnap car. Stewart made him admit that he had originally identified a picture of Verne Sankley as the man who shook his hand.

Stewart brought McFadden before the witness. "Can you identify this man as one of the two that accosted you the day of the abduction?"

"I can not."

Taxi Driver Allison could only say that McFadden "resembled" the man who gave him the note to deliver.

The case went to the jury at 6:45 p. m., Nov. 27, and after 7 hours, 25 minutes of

WITH KIDNAPING GANG



The \$200,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills which ransomed Edward G. Bremer.

deliberation they acquitted all four defendants.

ALL four were kept in custody, for they next faced trial as the Factor kidnapers. Before they were returned to Chicago, however, Willie Sharkey, who had been hanging strangely in court, hanged himself in his cell with two neckties. He had declared he would never go back to Chicago.

Months passed, and there was no more news about the Hamm case. The public believed that the real kidnapers had beaten the rap. They thought the G-men felt satisfied that the Hamm snatchers had gotten what they deserved, anyway, since they got 99 years each for kidnaping Jake Factor.

Hamm's name appeared briefly in the newspapers early in January, 1934, but the item had nothing to do with his abduction. He had married Mrs. Marie Hersey Carroll of St. Paul.

But a month later another major kidnaping was committed in that same city. Edward G. Bremer, wealthy bank president, was efficiently snatched, this being the fifth successful St. Paul kidnaping in two-and-a-half years. The gang functioned with the same neatness that characterized the Hamm case.



Bremer, the wealthy kidnap victim.



Left to right: Albert Kator, Edward McFadden, Gus Schaefer and Roger Touhy, tried for the Hamm kidnaping and acquitted before the real kidnapers were caught and brought to book.

truck to a passenger car after Dunn stated that he could not drive a truck.

Bolton named Detective Tom Brown as the tip-off man for the gang. He asserted that Brown got by far the largest slice of the ransom money—\$25,000. He said Peifer got \$10,000, and the most anybody else got was \$7,800.

This sensational revelation about Officer Brown did not become public, although there were hints in the newspapers. Only within recent days has the charge against him been made in open court. He was not indicted, as direct evidence against him was lacking.

Less than two weeks after the arrest of Fitzgerald, Bartholmey and Peifer, FBI Director Hoover suddenly took off from Washington—and on the night of May 1 Alvin Karpis, the most sought after criminal in the land, was captured in New Orleans. Soon afterward Karpis' pal Campbell was seized.

Indeed, the G-Men knocked the country right on its ear that week, for they not only grabbed Karpis but the other two fugitive kidnapers, Thomas H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll of Louisville, Ky., and William Mahan, kidnaper of the Weyerhaeuser boy.

The statute of limitations, as far as any



Russell Gibson, slain by agents. Fred Goetz, slain by gangsters.



Two hours after this photo at Lee's Baiter

dent, was efficiently snatched, this being the fifth successful St. Paul kidnaping in less than a half year. The gang functioned as a business enterprise that characterized the Bremer case.

Bremer was abducted between 8:15 and 8:30 a. m., Jan. 17, a few minutes after leaving his daughter Betty, 8, at the fashionable Summit school. As he stopped his car at a green street for a traffic light, a man tried to enter the car. Bremer sought to get out of the opposite door, only to find himself looking into the muzzle of a pistol.

Both men jumped in behind him, striking him on the head and knocking him unconscious.

His machine was later found in an outlying district of the city. Bloodstains on the front seat gave rise to reports that he had been killed.

On that same day Walter Magee, a well-to-do St. Paul contractor, and a friend of the Bremer family, received an anonymous call. Magee was told to look for a note in the rear of his office. This note demanded \$200,000 ransom and instructed the Bremer family to insert a notice in a Minneapolis paper saying "We are ready, Alce." This was done.

The next word from the gang came on Jan. 20. A milk bottle was thrown through a door of the home of Bremer's family physician. It contained a note, written by Bremer himself, and notes to Magee and to Adolph Bremer, father of the captive and a personal friend of President Roosevelt. The note to the doctor directed him to deliver the other communications.

After more than a week had passed, Adolph Bremer issued a published statement appealing to the kidnapers. He promised to carry out their wishes to the letter, but he gave them a time limit of three days in which to act. When the three days expired he extended the time to Thursday, Feb. 8.

The \$200,000 ransom was paid—\$84,000 in \$5 bills and the remainder in \$10 bills. Bremer returned home, scarred, exhausted and unkempt, on Feb. 8, after twenty-two days and twelve hours of captivity.

He had been shoved out of a small sedan the previous evening by three members of the gang at Rochester, Minn., about 85 miles south of St. Paul. He had made his way as quickly as possible by train and bus, arriving in his home city in the early hours of the morning.

THE dazed victim could not recall the manner in which he was moved from his own car into that of the kidnapers. He said his eyes were bandaged when he regained consciousness. He could not tell how he had been taken to the hideout. He said that he heard ten or twelve different voices in the house, and that at least six or eight members of the gang were in the place at all times during his captivity.

Bremer said that, although his band-

Two hours after this photo of Jack Peifer (right, with deputy marshal) was snapped following his conviction as one of the kidnapers of William Hamm, Peifer committed suicide.

ages were removed while he was in the kidnapers' hideout, he was made to sit face to the wall so that he could not see the two guards who constantly sat behind him. The room was darkened but the figures on the wallpaper, he said, were engraved on his mind.

Incidentally, the instructions as to the delivery of the ransom money closely resembled the instructions given in the Hamm case.

But it was not until January, 1935, that the FBI men were able to start cracking open the Bremer case, and later the supposedly closed Hamm kidnaping. Somehow—they seldom tell how—they struck the trail in Chicago, and it led them to an apartment where tuberculosis-ridden Byron Bolton, one-time terrorist of the Capone gang, was living with his wife, Russell (Slim) Gibson and Mrs. Gibson.

Gibson told his wife he was "going out" shooting. He dashed out the rear door and had fired one shot when his gun jammed. He was riddled with bullets. Bolton kept his hands in the air.

And very soon things began to happen.

Arthur (Doc) Barker, ringleader with Alvin Karpis in the notorious Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers and bank robbers, was seized in a north side Chicago apartment. His brother Arthur and their murderous mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, were killed Jan. 16 in a gun-fight with G-Men in Oklawaha, Fla. Many other members of the gang were picked up in various parts of the country.

Finally every one of the 22 persons indicted for the Bremer kidnaping was accounted for. Bolton pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence. The government scored a thorough cleanup.

But the Hamm case was still unsolved. And Karpis was still at large.

BOLTON languished in the Ramsey county jail at St. Paul for 12 months before he began to talk about the Hamm kidnaping. He had a reason for holding his tongue: He expected leniency for his co-operation in the Bremer case and did not want to jeopardize his chances with a further confession.

But during the winter the federal men got a tip that Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 59-year-old safecracker and bank robber with a 40-year criminal record, had

The house in New Orleans in which justice finally caught up with Karpis.

been the elderly gentleman who held out his hand to Hamm. Bolton was consulted about this. He denied that he knew anything about the Hamm kidnaping. But presently he started to talk again.

G-Men hastened to Los Angeles, where they knew Fitzgerald was living as "a respectable gentleman"—or at least trying to play that difficult role. Agents took an apartment in the same building, made the suspect's acquaintance, and on occasion lunched with him. They kept a careful check on all his visitors and his mail. That went on for three months.

Then simultaneously, on April 18, 1936, the G-Men struck in three widely separated regions. They grabbed Fitzgerald in Los Angeles, Edmund C. Bartholmey in Bensenville, Ill., and John Peifer, St. Paul night club owner, in Minneapolis.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director at Washington, D. C., announced that the Hamm kidnaping was solved with these arrests, and that more arrests would follow.

The Bartholmey arrest came as a complete surprise, particularly in his home town 14 miles west of Chicago, where he had been acting postmaster since April 1, 1935.

Peifer, who owned the Hollyhocks, a St. Paul rendezvous, had a record that extended back to 1924.

Hoover stated that those involved in the Hamm abduction, in addition to Bolton, Peifer, Fitzgerald and Bartholmey, included also Alvin Karpis, who had become Public Enemy No. 1 of the United States; Elmer Farmer, one of those convicted in the Bremer case; Arthur Barker, serving life at Alcatraz; and Fred Barker, who had been killed with his mother, and Fred Goetz, alias Shotgun Zeigler, slain in a Chicago underworld execution.

Seven men were quickly indicted. They were Doc Barker, Elmer Farmer, Karpis, Fitzgerald, Bartholmey, Bolton and Peifer. Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, were the only two remaining members of the Karpis-Barker gang still at large.

IT IS SAID now that the federal authorities suspected from the start that the Hamm kidnapers had a tip-off man in the St. Paul police department. For one thing, there was that matter of changing from a

William Mahan, kidnaper of the Weyerhaeuser boy.

The statute of limitations, as far as any charge against Officer Brown was concerned, expired on June 18. Under the Lindbergh law no one else could be prosecuted in the Hamm case after three years.

Karpis, Fitzgerald and Peifer pleaded not guilty on June 23, when they were arraigned in federal court in St. Paul, and the trial date was set for July 14. Three days later Bolton pleaded guilty, thus paving the way for his appearance as the star witness for the government; Bartholmey pleaded not guilty; and Fitzgerald decided to throw up the sponge, changing his plea to guilty.

Old Creepy Karpis communed with himself and lawyer for several weeks, worried about charges in other states, some of which might cost him his life, and then, on the eve of his scheduled trial, he changed his plea to guilty. He spoke in an almost inaudible whisper when Judge Joyce asked him whether he understood the guilty plea which his lawyer had offered for him.

That left only two birds for Mr. Hoover and his sharpshooters. But soon there was only one defendant to dispose of, for on July 15 Bartholmey changed his plea to guilty.

JACK PEIFER'S trial got under way at once. The big sensation came on July 17 when Bolton testified that Detective Brown, who had become head of the automobile theft division of the St. Paul police department, had received \$25,000 for his services to the Hamm kidnap mob, and that Peifer got \$10,000 as the fingerman.

Brown's only statement to the reporters was "I have nothing to say."

The jury of 10 men and one woman convicted Peifer on July 25 after 10 hours deliberation.

Two days later Karpis was sentenced to life imprisonment, along with Fitzgerald. Bartholmey's sentence was postponed, pending a report on his record.

Peifer was sentenced on July 31. He got 30 years. He was taken to his cell shortly before noon. Two hours later Emory Clewett, chief jailer, entered his cell and found Peifer dead. It was believed that he had taken poison concealed in chewing gum. Other inmates said that he reclined on his bed as if in convulsions.

Final summary, Karpis-Barker gang:

Convicted—Peifer, Doc Barker, Harold Alderton, Oliver Berg, James J. Wilson, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin (now dead).

Pleaded Guilty—Karpis, Fitzgerald, Bartholmey, Bolton, Elmer Farmer, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis.

Killed by gangster or government bullets—Fred Barker, Ma Barker, Russell Gibson, Willie Harrison and Fred Goetz.

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RAID HOUSE TWICE —BENNY'S THERE

Police Beginning to Believe
Mason Forsakes Farm
to Re-Enter Policy.

Benny Mason is not a farmer after all, it began to appear yesterday when he was found for the second consecutive day in a raid on his old policy headquarters at 2374 E. 46th Street.

"If he is a farmer he doesn't stay on his farm," said Detective Sergeant Peter Allen, who arrested Mason and charged him with promoting gambling.

Mason once told a county grand jury that his gross income in a year from his policy business was \$1,300,000. More recently he has asserted that he is in retirement.

Thomas M. Frey, his attorney in a civil suit, told reporters last February that Mason had been in retirement for three months and was spending most of his time in the country, where a good farmer ought to be.

A squad under Sergt. Allen raided the 46th Street headquarters and found Mason there.

"Come on in," he told Sergt. Allen and Detectives William Powers and William Wylie. "I have nothing to do with the place. My son-in-law is running the joint."

Lesley Strander, 27, was arrested.

He was in court yesterday morning and had his case continued until Sept. 21.

In the afternoon the squad returned and saw that activity had not lessened, they said. They got a search warrant.

When they raided the place again yesterday and found Mason there again, he was silent, the police said.

About 200 persons were in the place on both occasions, Allen said. A bushel basketful of pay-off slips was confiscated, representing a prize disbursement of \$500.

Mason must appear in Police Court this morning. He and Strander are free on \$500 surety bond apiece.

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