

# FARNAN INVESTIGATING

## Sergeant Hurley Tells Marshal Of Clash With Captain Ward.

### POLICE BOARD AWAITS REPORT

#### Head Of Northwestern District Says His Work Has Aroused Enmity. Talk Of Alleged Blackmail.

Marshal Farnan was engaged yesterday in investigating the statement of Sergeant Charles E. Hurley, of the Northwestern district, that Capt. Bernard J. Ward, of that district, had ignored his report concerning an alleged disorderly house kept by Maggie Hunter, 1439 North Carey street.

Maggie Hunter was presented by the grand jury yesterday on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. The house was closed, and it was said she had gone to New York. It will be remembered that Sergeant Hurley made a statement that she had told him she had sent by a "friend" \$75 to Robert Davis, a politician, to pay her fine last May, when she supposed she had been indicted with other keepers of such places. It now develops that she had not been presented by the grand jury until yesterday.

Col. Sherlock Swann, president of the Police Board, went to Virginia early in the afternoon after a meeting of the board, at which, it was said, no mention of the case was made. He is on a pleasure trip with Mrs. Swann, and inquirers were told that he would not return until late Monday night.

#### Mr. Wheltle Heard Of It.

Mr. John B. A. Wheltle, Police Commissioner, was asked if he had knowledge of any case where the owner of a disreputable house had escaped indictment by the grand jury through payment of a fee. He replied: "To my knowledge, never; neither directly nor indirectly." In response to further questions, he said:

"Captain Ward came to me Tuesday and told me a story that agrees with that published in THE SUN this morning in practically every detail. I concluded from his statement that he wanted Sergeant Hurley transferred to another district or that the matter be given official investigation, as it cast reflection on Captain Ward. At the first meeting of the board after I heard this statement I mentioned it and it was turned over to the Marshal."

"Do you know of the existence of any gambling in the city, or have you knowledge of any disreputable houses outside of the regular districts?" was asked.

"I know of none," Mr. Wheltle replied. "I do not believe there are any gambling dens existing at present within the limits of the city. If I heard of any, officially or unofficially, I would investigate personally."

"The Police Commissioners will wait until the Hurley charges are investigated by Marshal Farnan and then we will be guided by the evidence brought before us. Sergeant Hurley called on me yesterday, presumably for the purpose of explaining to me the charges he has brought against his superior officer, but I declined to discuss them with him."

#### Mr. Tome Waits For Evidence.

Mr. Peter E. Tome, the third Police Commissioner, also said that he had never heard of the grand jury yielding to outside influence when an indictment in a case of a disreputable house was sought.

"I first heard of the Ward-Hurley case last Monday or Tuesday," he said, "but I do not propose to talk of it before it comes before the board officially. I am not prepared to pass judgment until I hear the evidence, and I do not want to be biased."

"There are reported from time to time cases of gambling, for there is no city in the country where vice does not exist, for a time at least. When we hear of a disorderly house or a gambling den in operation we try to have the proprietors prosecuted. If there are any other houses in this city similar to the one on Carey street over which the alleged trouble is said to have started, it is our intention to take steps to get rid of them."

"Now that the case in question is going through the proper channels, I am sure all concerned will have justice dealt out to them, and when the parties come before us it will be the same as coming before a court."

#### Marshal Farnan At Work.

Marshal Farnan said:

"This case will be investigated thoroughly from the ground up. I don't know what is in it, because I have not investigated fully, but I do know that Captain Ward turned in a list of witnesses against the woman, which was sent to the grand jury. I had never heard of this business about the \$75, but I have questioned Sergeant Hurley, and I will now summon Captain Ward, 'Bob' Davis and perhaps a dozen witnesses in all who have been mentioned by Sergeant Hurley. I will continue the investigation tomorrow. When I have all the testimony it will be sent to the Police Commissioners. They will be the judges. In my opinion the Northwestern district is in good shape."

"Have you ever quietly investigated there to see what was going on?"

"No," he replied, "because there never was anything to 'gum shoe' about. I investigate the districts from time to time, and I have found the Northwestern to be in fair shape. There is always talk of gambling and saloons being open, but those who live in the districts know when they are in good shape."

#### Deputy Marshal Didn't Know.

Deputy Marshal Manning said:

"I knew nothing about the charges until this morning. They are news to me. I have been keeping in close touch with all the districts and know the situation thoroughly. In the Northwestern district the police are doing their duty. I am confident of that, and I think that this talk of protection is a myth."

"I am uptown frequently at night and go around to the different districts. There is always a good deal of talk about gambling or crap games in saloons or bookmaking. There are no places uptown where a man can gamble unless he carries it on in a hotel among his friends."

"I know of no place where a man can go and 'get a game.' I have been running down tips on alleged crap games for some time. What bookmaking may be going on is done in whisper bets, and they are extremely difficult to detect. On the whole I believe the department to be in better shape now than ever before."

#### Investigate It, Says Captain Ward.

Captain Ward said:

"If I was giving that woman police protection for the \$75 she says she gave 'Bob' Davis, then I was giving her little protection, because I reported her house to the Marshal just recently and had the names of witnesses against her sent before the grand jury. Sergeant Hurley is making a big fuss about something that I personally investigated six months ago."

"Had you heard the story so long ago?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "I believe it was Justice Tyson who mentioned it to me. He had heard it downtown. I investigated it then and found that there was nothing in it. I went to 'Bob' Davis myself and asked him if he had got \$75 from the woman, and he said he did not even know her."

"Are you in the habit of meeting 'Bob' Davis at a saloon on Howard street, as has been reported?"

"I am not in the habit of meeting anybody there. I go any place I want to when I am off duty. I am not a slave. If I want anything I pay for it. 'Bob' Davis is a friend of mine and I'm a friend of his. I meet him sometimes in that saloon, but the story about the alleged \$75 being sent there is a dream."

"Were you convinced after your talk with Davis that there was no foundation for the statement?"

"I certainly was."

#### Says Nobody Is Protected.

"Did you run out all the clues to the story?"

"Yes, all there were to run out, but I never believed the thing from the start. Bob Davis was no collector of mine. Just as he said in THE SUN this morning, I don't need any collector. There is nobody going to get anything on me. I am doing policing up here in this district, and that's what makes them all 'sore' on me. There isn't anybody getting protected."

"As far as Sergeant Hurley is concerned, I told him 14 months ago that this woman was keeping a disorderly house, and to get some evidence against her. He never got it until lately, and then when he does come to me he appears with this statement about the \$75. I told him I had looked into that months ago and to get some real evidence against the woman. That looked like police work. Then he got there."

"Hurley has been transferred only twice. He has the baillwick now on which is this Carey street house. He hasn't any right to 'holler' even if he was transferred. A good policeman doesn't holler."

"This is nothing new to me. They have been trying to get something on me ever since I was made captain and they haven't

let up once since. I have been commanding a district, no matter which one I was in. But I'm too smart for that bunch. I am going to make my statement to the Marshal, and I am going to tell just exactly what happened."

#### Alleged Blackmail.

"What about the \$700 supposed to have been given by a well-known man who was arrested in your district?" was asked.

"I don't know anything more about that than was told me," replied Captain Ward.

"Justice Tyson told me some time ago that the man was well known, and he told me his name. He also told me that he had heard some people were holding up this man for money on account of it. That is an affair in which I am in no way connected. I knew that a white man had been arrested in a raid on a colored 'jolt,' but I did not know that he was such a prominent white man, and I don't know who got the \$700."

It was said yesterday that the man referred to is living abroad. Before leaving this country, it is said, he went to one of his friends and declared that a certain man, who said he was acting for others, was demanding money from him and representing to him that unless the money was paid over the fact that he had been arrested in a raid on a house would be given publicity and his reputation ruined. The friend of the unfortunate man said he left this country to escape, the demands upon him, but that when the proper time arrives he will come forward with testimony to prosecute those who are alleged to have blackmailed him.

It is understood that Judge Stockbridge personally interested himself in the case and that when the time arrives, if the victim can be induced to come back, there will be startling developments.

Justice Tyson, before whom the man was taken after being arrested, said yesterday that after a full consideration of the case he dismissed the charge because there was no foundation for it.

#### Sergt. Hurley Says He Is Satisfied.

Sergeant Hurley said:

"I am satisfied with the way things are going. I have only done my duty, and there was no personal animosity in the matter. When I first reported the existence of the place on Carey street it was in a business way, the same as I would have reported any other matter."

"What transpired at the investigation before Marshal Farnan?"

"That I cannot tell in detail. I told the facts as I found them concerning the case in question, and there was no embellishment to it. I had affidavits of several persons to support my statement, and these I presented to the proper authority."

"It has been said that I have already patrolled the Walbrook, or 'farm,' district, which is not the case. I am at present in section No. 5 and was transferred there on September 30 and am not supposed to go to the 'farm,' as it is called, until December 23. On that date I am to patrol the Annex."