

EXPECTS REPORT TODAY

Mr. Wheltle Says He Will Ask For Evidence In Ward Case.

MARSHAL'S INQUIRY TO GO ON

Mr. Ruddell Says Woman Will Plead Guilty—Sergt. Plum Tells Of Raid On Howard Street.

Police Commissioner John B. A. Wheltle, who in the absence of Col. Sherlock Swann is acting president of the board, said last night that at the board meeting this morning Marshal Farnan would be asked to give a report of the investigation, as far as it has progressed, of the charges made against Capt. Bernard J. Ward, of the Northwestern district, by Sergt. Charles E. Hurley, of the same district.

The Marshal has been engaged during the last few days in examining persons who were named by Sergeant Hurley in connection with the statement which he made that **Captain** Ward had ignored a report which he turned in to the effect that Mrs. Maggie Hunter, keeper of an alleged disorderly house, had said that she paid Robert E. Davis, a local politician, \$75 to procure police protection.

Mr. Wheltle said:

"While I do not think that the Marshal has had time to examine all the witnesses, the board will ask him tomorrow to report the progress of the work. An investigation by the board cannot, of course, come before the report is made by the Marshal, and he will no doubt make recommendations as to what is to be done. In any event, the case will be thoroughly sifted."

Colonel Swann, who is in Virginia, is not expected to arrive in Baltimore until late tonight, and will probably not be present at the meeting. Mr. Peter E. Tome, the Republican member of the board, expects to be present. If he should be detained, the report could still be received, as the rules of the board provide that one member shall constitute a quorum.

Mr. Ruddell's Statement.

Mrs. Hunter has been advised by her counsel, Mr. Thomas C. Ruddell, to appear before the Marshal on Tuesday. She is said now to be ill as the result of the attention attracted by her statement.

Mr. Ruddell says that Mrs. Hunter will plead guilty to the charge of keeping a disorderly house when the case is called for trial, and that the suit for \$10,000 filed against her by Mr. Davis, alleging slander, will be defended vigorously.

"I have so far not interviewed Mrs. Hunter," he said, "but Mr. Edward Stoneman has been to my office in her behalf several times. He first came when the grand jury was about to indict Mrs. Hunter, and I asked him if she had paid the fine annually imposed upon such places. He told me that she had not paid it to court, but to some one else.

"At another interview he told me that he had taken an envelope supposedly containing money to the office of another man and had given it personally to him. He told me that this man said something about not getting all of the money.

"He told me also that the woman had concluded to stand trial because another demand had been made upon her for more money and she had refused. I have not yet been told the other details.

"In proving, however, that the woman was getting police protection I will point out that she could have been indicted a year ago if **Captain** Ward had desired to indict her, and it would not have been necessary for him to procure other witnesses, because in the majority of cases the grand jury, in indicting such places, hears only the testimony of the patrolman on the beat. The woman alleges that she paid money for protection. It is apparent that she was not indicted."

Mr. Ruddell said that the woman has no intention of going to some other city, but will stay in Baltimore and fight the civil case to the end.

Stoneman May Be Summoned.

It is stated that Stoneman, in his interview with Marshal Farnan, refused to answer certain questions asked him and that the **Police** Board will summon and examine him further. He is said to have refused to say whether or not the envelope which he says he carried contained money. It was given him by Mrs. Hunter, the allegation is, and he did not open it.

Captain Ward refuses to discuss any further developments in the charges against him and says that he will make a full statement to the board and the Marshal when the "proper time comes." It is expected the **Captain** will appear before the Marshal either today or tomorrow. Davis may also be summoned today or tomorrow.

Sergeant Plum Tells Of Raid.

Sergeant Frank J. Plum, of the Northeastern district, who last March while in the Northwestern raided an alleged gambling place on Howard street, was asked concerning the arrest of the proprietor and a number of men who were locked up at the Northwestern station on the charge of gaming on Sunday.

Sergeant Plum said:

"I raided the place, locked up a number of persons and charged them with gaming on Sunday. **Captain** Ward told me to change the charge from gaming to disturbing the peace. I did as he ordered and the men were each fined \$1 and costs."

"Did one of the men in the party tell you he would have you changed from the district?" he was asked.

"Yes, and I was transferred to another bailiwick two days later, and the men who helped me make the raid were also changed a short time later."

Sergeant Plum was again changed on June 5, being transferred to the Northeastern district, following his appearance in court in the Diggs-Rau-Wands case, as a witness for Patrolman Casey.

A hotelkeeper in the Northwestern district states that he has placed information in the hands of his attorneys with instructions to prepare charges against **Captain** Ward. His bartender is also mentioned in the case, but as yet no action has been taken to have the complaint brought to the attention of the **Police** Board.