

# INQUIRY WIDENS

## More Witnesses Testify Before The Governor Regarding The Police.

### MR. FURST'S NAME IN IT

#### Ex-Captain Ward Tells Of Gist-Patterson Case.

#### ASKED TO "LET UP," HE SAYS

#### "Bob" Davis' Widow Submits Affidavit On Her Husband's Relations With Marshal, Deputy Marshal And Captain McGee—Mr. W. W. Dix, Secretary To The Police Examiners, Tells Of The Efforts Made By Patrolman George M. J. May To Get On The Force After The Examiners Had Raised Doubts About Him.

### THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Former **Captain Ward** testified that Mr. Frank A. Furst and President Whittle, of the **Police Board**, tried to get him to "let up" on John E. Gist and Charles L. Patterson, who were accused of bookmaking.

Testimony in corroboration of the evidence given by Mr. Parke P. McCubbin last Tuesday was secured from Mr. Howard N. Harrod, a former clerk in McCubbin's store.

An affidavit from Mrs. Robert E. Davis, widow of "Bob" Davis, was offered in which Marshal Farnan is said to have been a member of a supper party at the Terminal Hotel with her husband. This statement had previously been made and denied by the Marshal.

Miss Katharine Kreiner, who was employed in the loan office conducted by Davis, said she had heard Davis tell Dr. Dull he had "fixed the evidence."

Lieutenant Kalbfleisch testified that cocaine was sold with impunity by Dr. Dull for several years.

The investigation will be resumed Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Cocaine traffic, violation of the Sunday law by saloonkeepers and gambling were investigated by Governor Crothers yesterday on the third day of the inquiry into the management of the **Police Department**. A large crowd filled the room in the Union Trust Building, in which the investigation is being held, and listened with deep interest to the testimony.

Mr. Frank A. Furst and President Whittle, of the **Police Board**, were mentioned by former **Captain Ward** as having been interested in the acquittal of the accused men in the Gist-Patterson bookmaking case.

Mrs. Robert E. Davis' affidavit corroborated Patrolman O'Donnell's testimony that he saw Marshal Farnan and other **police** officials at the Terminal Hotel with the late "Bob" Davis, her husband.

#### CROWD CONFRONTS GOVERNOR.

At the beginning of yesterday's investigation Governor Crothers was confronted with the largest crowd that has thus far attended the hearing. The rumors of sensational disclosures brought out men of all walks of life. The Governor was assisted by Attorney-General Straus and Col. Thos. J. Ewell, State Fire Marshal, who occupied seats on either side of him, and occasionally suggested questions to be asked. The Governor's secretary, Mr. Emerson C. Crothers, also was in the room a part of the time. The members of the **Police Board**, Mr. Alonzo L. Miles, the board's counsel; Marshal Farnan and Deputy Marshal Manning were absent.

No preliminary statement was made by the Governor. A number of newspapers containing interviews with members of the **Police Board** and other **police** officials were submitted in evidence to be used later.

#### MRS. DAVIS' AFFIDAVIT.

Mr. Straus then read the affidavit of Mrs. Davis, in which she swore to the intimacy between her husband and Marshal Farnan, Deputy Marshal Manning and other **police** officials. The affidavit is as follows:

"It appeared in the papers as though the Marshal, the Deputy Marshal and **Captain McGee** refused to acknowledge acquaintance with the late Robert E. Davis, my husband. He has always been the sunlight of my home; he has been a good, kind husband, a good provider, a very indulgent father, a good, kind son and brother and a friend to all who were in trouble. God never intended us all to be alike. There is a certain class of people who need care and attention, and that was his mission on earth, and he never tired of giving a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He never committed any crime, and as he is not living to defend himself I feel as though it is my duty to speak a kind word in his behalf.

"I think it would show a more manly principle had the Marshal, the Deputy Marshal and **Captain McGee** stepped forth and said one word in his behalf. Had they done so I should never have opened my lips. As for **Captain McGee**, he has known Mr. Davis and myself ever since we were children, and when we were first married we were neighbors to them for six years, and I certainly think he knows a little about his goodness. As for the friends of Mr. Davis, they know his character and disposition, and I make this statement for those who did not know him, and I want the public to know and understand that he was a gentleman and not a person that anyone need be afraid of. It is not always the most refined and polished man who is the gentleman, and they are oftentimes wolves in sheep's clothing, and today the stoutest and noblest hearts beat beneath the roughest breasts.

#### TELLS WHO WERE THERE.

"While all three gentlemen emphatically deny being at the Terminal Hotel one evening taking lunch with Mr. Davis and his wife, I will say to that effect that it is true. On one occasion the Marshal and his wife, the Deputy and his wife and daughter, **Captain McGee** and his wife and daughter and Mr. Davis and myself spent a very pleasant evening together taking lunch at the Terminal Hotel, and why they deny it now I cannot tell, as there was nothing wrong went on. We were out in the open grove, public to all who were there, and why they should do him such an injustice I do not know.

"During my married life with Mr. Davis Marshal Farnan has visited our house some four times, the Deputy Marshal has visited us more often and **Captain McGee** still more frequently. Both the Deputy Marshal and **Captain McGee** have been away at Atlantic City with Mr. Davis. I think that Deputy Marshal Manning went away with Mr. Davis to Atlantic City two or three times, and **Captain McGee** quite a number of times since we were first married.

"MARY M. DAVIS."

The affidavit was sworn to before Joseph

T. Mossel, a notary public, on September 10.

#### DAVIS EMPLOYE TESTIFIES.

Miss Katharine Kreiner, 1602 McCulloh street, who was employed in the loan office, conducted by Davis, was the first witness called. She testified, under oath, that she had heard a conversation between Davis and Dr. Dull, once known as the "Cocaine King," in which Davis said that he had "fixed the evidence," and that she gathered from this that the evidence had been destroyed. She said the conversation was about Deputy Marshal Manning, and that Davis said he had a hard time getting the evidence. She further testified that Davis and Manning were great friends and that they usually left the office together.

#### EX-CAPT. WARD PAYS TRIBUTE.

Former **Police Captain Bernard J. Ward** was the next witness called, and his testimony proved the feature of the morning session. He paid a high tribute to Davis, who, he said, was never in any trouble unless caused by trying to get friends out of difficulties. He said he had been told by both Mr. and Mrs. Davis that the Marshal and Deputy Marshal frequently visited their home, and declared that he often went there with **Captain McGee**. He said that Davis told him of being at Atlantic City with Manning and McGee. He testified that he heard Davis say on two occasions, "They can get nothing on the Police Department, for I have destroyed the evidence."

Governor Crothers had evidently been well informed, for his next question went back several years and probed into the Patterson-Gist case.

#### THE GIST-PATTERSON CASE.

In reference to this case **Captain Ward** said:

"Gist kept a cigar store on Pennsylvania avenue and there had been frequent complaints of betting on races and games being made there. Marshal Farnan kept after me to secure evidence, and finally I got five affidavits of men who had bet on races in Gist's store. Gist and Patterson, who took bets in the store, were arrested and indicted. One day Mr. Frank A. Furst called me over the telephone at the station house and said the case would have to be dismissed, as Gist was a friend of his. I told him it was out of my hands and only the State's Attorney or the **Police Commissioners** could secure a dismissal. Later Mr. Whittle sent for me and said: 'I am interested in the Gist-Patterson case, for they are friends of mine. I would like you to let up on them.' I told him it was out of my hands and that when the case was called I would have to present the evidence. Colonel Swann then sent for me and asked me about the case. I told him the whole story and he said, 'Go ahead and prosecute.'

"The case was called for on a Tuesday before Judge Wright, I think. It was postponed until Thursday. I was on hand with my affidavits ready to testify. In the interim the grand jury sent for the indictment, reconsidered and dismissed it."

"Mr. Whittle was ever afterward bitter against me, as the record of my trial will show."

#### TELLS OF DULL-DAVIS MEETING.

Mr. Charles H. Knapp, a lawyer, counsel for the building association of which Davis was a member, testified that Dr. Dull came to the meeting of the association one night and was introduced by Davis. He said that he overheard a conversation between the two men in which Dull's trip to Annapolis to see the Governor was discussed, and that some reference was made to a book in which were accounts against the **police**.

Mr. Gabriel L. Rettalata, who purchased the drug store from Dr. Dull, testified that he received as part of the assets some books in which there were accounts against **police** officers. He said there was one item of \$450 charged to D. M.

"I asked who that was," he continued, "and was informed that it was Deputy Marshal Manning."

He also said there were accounts against Patrolman Mister and several small prescription accounts against other members of the force. He also admitted that he testified falsely before the **Police Board**.

#### DISCUSSES COCAINE TRAFFIC.

Lieutenant William Kalbfleisch, of the Central district, testified that cocaine was sold with impunity by Dr. Dull for several years. He told of the time when he, with four or five others, was summoned by Marshal Farnan to visit the jail in order that Grover Montague, the negro who claimed to have sold cocaine for Dr. Dull, might identify the officer who was in the store when Montague and Dull settled their accounts. He said that Montague pointed out Round Sergeant Strott, who has since been made a lieutenant, as the man.

"On the way back from the jail," said Lieutenant Kalbfleisch, "Marshal Farnan asked us not to say anything about the identification of Round Sergeant Strott. He said he didn't want the press to get hold of it."

#### INVESTIGATING MR. McCUBBIN.

Round Sergeant Barranger, of the Northern district, testified that Detective Kahler came to see him six or seven weeks ago and said he was sent by Mr. Josiah A. Kinsey, secretary of the **Police Board**, to look up the reputation of Mr. McCubbin, who swore that he paid protection money to members of the detective force. The witness said Kahler told him when leaving not to say anything about his inquiry, for the Deputy Marshal wanted it kept quiet.

Patrolman William F. Carey, of the Northern district, said Kahler also called on him with the same inquiry, and said: "Don't let on I asked about him."

Here Attorney-General Straus, by direction of the Governor, read from several newspaper interviews with the **Police Commissioners** and Marshal Farnan in reference to punishing the members of the force who testified before the Governor, and who had failed to come before the board when the general call was issued a year ago for information in regard to the cocaine traffic. These interviews were put in evidence.

#### "WISE" TO BUSINESS, HE SAYS.

Thomas Kavanaugh, a former patrolman, was called, and, upon being asked by the Governor, "Did you know of Dr. Dull being in the cocaine business?" replied:

"Yes, sir; we were all 'wise' to that." He said that he saw the Marshal and Deputy Marshal in Dr. Dull's store in conversation with Dull on two occasions; and that Dull frequently boasted of his friendly relations with them and claimed that he had the making of sergeants and could have them assigned to either day or night duty.

Mr. Harvey B. Baker, 3432 Chestnut avenue, was the next witness, and his examination showed that the Governor had taken up the alleged violation of the liquor law.

"Have you any knowledge of violation of Sunday law in selling liquor or of gambling?" Mr. Baker was asked.

"Yes," was the reply. "A considerable quantity of liquor is sold on Sunday. I, with others, have purchased it on the Sabbath. For the last two months the city has been almost wide open. My observation of the violation of the law has been close to the Marshal's office. It has been almost within the shadow of the Court-house. I know nothing of recent gambling."

He promised to give Governor Crothers specific instances of violations of law by selling liquor on Sunday.

#### CROWD THERE IN AFTERNOON.

The room was again crowded when the Governor resumed the investigation at 2.30 P. M. Mr. Thomas Newton, 1709 East Lafayette avenue, a bookkeeper for J. C. Armiger & Bros., was the first witness called. His testimony was, in brief, as follows:

"I wrote Marshal Farnan some months ago regarding violations of the law by selling liquor on Sunday in the saloon in the rear of my home. I offered the use of a rear room in the house to him or any of his men to secure evidence. I heard nothing more of it until Colonel Swann replied to Mr. Anderson, of the Anti-Saloon League, promising to investigate any case brought to the attention of the board. I then wrote the Commissioners and received a letter in reply in which they stated that the complaint had been turned over to the Marshal."

#### SERGT. PLUM WATCHES SALOON.

The next Sunday Sergeant Plum and another officer came to my house and watched the saloon from my rear room. There was nothing to discover that day, for no one sought to enter the saloon.

"I am not blaming Sergeant Plum, for I saw no one enter. I believe the majority of them would do their duty if they were allowed. The next day the saloonkeeper came to my office and wanted to know why I was trying to put him out of business. He said: 'I can't stop selling liquor on Sunday, for the man down the street is wide open, and he would get my customers.' I reminded him that another witness was used against him. He said: 'I don't care about the witness; I have friends who will take care of me. I knew you wrote to the Commissioners, and you did not get me, did you?'"

"I reported his confession to the officer at the desk at the Northeastern **Police Station**, and he laughed and said: 'So he gave the same old excuse, did he, of having to sell because others did?' I was disgusted,

and kept quiet until you asked for information. The sale of liquor on Sunday continued until about two weeks ago. The saloon has been kept closed on Sunday since."

Messrs. Spencer E. Sisco, 2219 North Charles street; William M. Robinson, 1930 North Carrollton avenue, president of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union, and Charles P. Gundsorf were called, and told of an investigation they made last Sunday morning to see if liquor was sold after hours and on Sunday. They said that a number of saloons on various streets west of Howard street were visited after 12 o'clock Saturday night and found to be open and selling liquor. They all promised to give the Governor privately the names of the proprietors and locations of the saloons.

#### VISITED GAMBLING PLACES.

John R. Dobson, 1906 West Franklin street, testified that he had been in three or four gambling places. He said he had visited one, which was recently raided, since the raid and found gambling there as usual.

Joseph Serlo, who is in the fruit business in Lexington Market, said he had gambled in about half a dozen places and heard of at least 10 others from men with whom he played. Upon being asked if he knew liquor was sold on Sunday he replied:

"I have always been able to get a drink whenever I wanted one. At least 50 per cent. of the saloons in the Western district sell liquor on Sunday."

#### TELLS OF PATROLMAN MAY.

Mr. W. W. Dix, secretary to the **Police Examiners**, related the efforts made by Patrolman George M. J. May to get on the force. Mr. Dix said that May took the examination several years ago and passed, but that when his character was examined it was found to be such as to prevent his appointment.

"Usually," he continued, "that would have ended it and his name would not have been sent down to the board, but several of his friends interceded for him, and the **Police Examiners** decided, since the **Police Board** had better means of arriving at the truth than they did, that his name should be reported with the information regarding him. The **Police Board**, of which Mr. Willis was president, rejected his name and the application was returned marked void. Some months ago I received a letter from the present board stating that May had been restored to the eligible list."

"When Secretary Kinsey called for the application I reminded him of May's reputation, and he said he remembered it. Later I received another letter from the board stating that May had been appointed on the force."

Upon being questioned Mr. Dix said that the charges against May were for having been arrested several times and that he was discharged from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad service for cause. Mr. Dix also told of the application of John J. Fox, who, in his first application, gave his age as 37 years and later changed it to 35 in a new application which was given President Whittle. He said that Fox came in later and wanted to make out another application, changing his age to 33 years, but that the examiners would not give him another blank.

#### MONEY FOR "MAIN GUY."

Howard N. Harrod, the drug clerk formerly employed by Mr. McCubbin in the drug store at Greenmount avenue and Madison street, testified that McCubbin sold between \$100 and \$200 worth of cocaine a day for about a year. He said on one occasion he saw McCubbin place "good, healthy greenbacks" in two envelopes, and said that one was for the "main guy" and the other for the next man. No name was placed on the envelopes, according to Harrod, and McCubbin took them out himself.

Harrod also told of another occasion when he was standing near the telephone and a call came for Mr. McCubbin. He said that after talking for a short time McCubbin said:

"What a hungry bunch they are! I am only two hours late in getting down town." The only name Harrod could recall as having been mentioned in connection with the payment of the money was that of Captain Pumphrey.

This closed the testimony for the day. Governor Crothers wished to continue today, but owing to the inability of the Attorney-General to be present the further hearing was postponed until Friday.

#### MUCH EVIDENCE TO COME.

There is said to be a great deal of evidence yet to be produced, some of which, it is believed, will be of a startling nature. The detective bureau has not been touched upon, and the most important revelations of the inquiry are promised when the light is turned upon that department. It is said that Governor Crothers will call the reporters to verify the interviews which have been published from time to time with members of the **Police Board** and Marshal Farnan. The Governor is believed by many to be trying to establish a case of misconduct against the **Police Commissioners**, using as a basis the criticisms which are alleged to have been made by members of the board.