

MR. FURST CALLED ON BOARD**Merely Made Inquiry, Both He And Mr. Wheltle Say.**

President Wheltle, of the **Police Board**, made the following statement last night:

"In view of the unfavorable position in which **Ward** has attempted to place Mr. Frank A. Furst and in order to avoid a false impression, I will state that Mr. Furst called on the Board of **Police Commissioners** (Colonel Swann, Mr. Tome and myself) while in session and inquired as to the nature of the charges against Gist and the status of the case. The board at once made inquiry through its officials and advised Mr. Furst of all the circumstances surrounding the matter. Mr. Furst then explained that he was interested in the case on account of the relationship of the accused with an official of some company of which he was a director. He then left the board room seemingly satisfied with the course it had taken and gave no indication whatever of any desire on his part to interfere with the prosecution of the case. His attitude was one of inquiry rather than advocacy.

"I never conferred with **Captain Ward** in reference to the case, and his statement as published in the press is a deliberate, unwarranted and malicious falsehood, in keeping with other wild and false statements concerning me which he has so freely made since his dismissal from the department."

Mr. Furst said in response to an inquiry later that the statement of Mr. Wheltle that he appeared before the **Police Board** to inquire into the Gist case is correct. He continued:

"As Mr. Wheltle states, I went before the board simply to inquire into the merits of the case. A friend of mine who was interested in Gist asked me to go before the board to find out the status of the case. I simply told the board that Gist was of a good family and that his relatives hated to see his name besmirched. Mr. Wheltle's statement covers the ground thoroughly, and with me the case ended there. As for the **Ward** charges, they are absolutely untrue."

Mr. Furst also said that if the Governor or any properly constituted tribunal wanted to know his side of the case he would freely give it under oath.

Col. Sherlock Swann, former president of the **Police Board**, declined to make a statement. Marshal Farnan and Deputy Marshal Manning also refused to comment on the reference made to them at the inquiry. Marshal Farnan merely said:

"I do not feel that this is the time to talk, and, therefore, I will not discuss anything said by **Captain Ward** or anyone else."

It is reported that Colonel Swann, Marshal Farnan and Deputy Marshal Manning will be summoned before Governor Crothers before the inquiry is over. Colonel Swann will likely be asked if he has any knowledge of efforts having been made to "fix" the Gist-Patterson case.

Mr. James W. Stoddard, former proprietor of the Terminal Hotel, at which, according to Mrs. Davis' affidavit, she and her husband, Marshal and Mrs. Farnan, Deputy Marshal and Mrs. Manning and **Captain** and Mrs. McGee were guests at a supper party, denied that those mentioned had ever dined together at the hotel while he was proprietor. He said that Marshal and Mrs. Farnan had frequently dined there, but only by themselves.

Mr. William Purnell Hall, who was associated in business with the late Senator William Pinkney Whyte, entered his appearance yesterday as counsel for Dr. William H. Dull, the Gay street druggist, charged with perjury in connection with the cocaine investigation of the last grand jury. The indictment of Dr. Dull was one of the last acts of the body presided over by Mr. Howard Cassard as foreman.