

PLUM TRIAL JANUARY 25

Police Board Postpones It, Because Of Counsel Change.

The date for the trial of Sergt. Frank J. Plum, of the Northeastern district, on the charges of accepting money for the protection of the house 818 McCulloh street, kept by Marie Colder, was set yesterday by the Police Board for January 25. The board had decided to hear the charges against Sergeant Plum Thursday, but the date was changed because Mr. Luther E. Mackall, who was to defend Plum, will withdraw. Sergeant Plum will be defended by Mr. S. S. Field.

The postponement of the trial, it is believed, will enable Mr. Alonzo L. Miles, counsel for the Police Board, to prosecute the case. Had it taken place Thursday Mr. Miles would not have been able to act as prosecutor, because he leaves tonight for Buffalo to defend Captain of Detectives Pumphrey, who has been sued by a detective in that city for alleged services in the Black Hand plot against Mr. Joseph Di Giorgio, of this city.

Sergeant Plum will make an emphatic denial of the charges brought against him and will attempt to show that an effort was made to blackmail him.

"I'll prove my innocence," he said. "Wait until the trial comes up."

FOR VACANCY ON THE LANNAN

Police Commissioners Discuss Question Of Lieutenant.

At a meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday the question arose whether Sergt. Harry Knight, of the Central district, is eligible to take the examination to fill the vacancy of lieutenant on the police boat Lannan.

According to the regulations of the department only a round sergeant can take the examination for the lieutenant in the marine department. However, there are none such who possess the necessary pilot's license, which Sergeant Knight holds. It is probable that some arrangement will be made by which Knight will take the examination. If this agreement is not reached Lieutenant League, who has been given shore duty, will be remanded to the marine department.

The eligible list of round sergeants who took the examination Saturday for lieutenant will be handed to the Police Board this afternoon. It is expected that the revised list will be ready for the Police Board by Thursday, when the appointment of a lieutenant will be made for the Central district.

BOY CHASED IN AUTOMOBILE

Policeman Sees Him Run Down Man And Goes In Pursuit.

Frightened after he had run down a strange man while driving a carriage shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Frank Haber, a boy, an employe of Mr. John Trainor, of Park Heights and Rogers avenues, was arrested after he had been chased by Patrolman Vocke, in an automobile, and locked up at the Central Police Station on the charge of assaulting "an unknown white man."

Haber, who lives at 21. Ann avenue, was driving on Mount Royal avenue, near Charles street, when he is said to have struck a man who was walking across the street at Charles street. The boy becoming excited is said to have whipped up his horse and to have driven rapidly out Mount Royal avenue to Preston street.

Patrolman Vocke, who witnessed the accident, jumped into an automobile and ordered the chauffeur to catch up with the youngster. Up Mount Royal avenue to Preston street they followed the carriage, down Preston street to Biddle street to Greenmount avenue and down the avenue to Forrest street, where the boy was arrested.

Haber said he became frightened after the man was knocked down. Patrolman Vocke took him to the scene of the accident, but the man who had been knocked down had disappeared.

Steamship Chatham Still Aground.

A special dispatch to THE SUN last night from Jacksonville, Fla., says the Merchants and Miners' Line steamship Chatham is still fast aground in the St. Johns river.

Wreckers and divers were on board at 9 o'clock last night. President Whitney, who is anxiously awaiting the report of the divers as to the extent of the damage, is said to have strong hopes that the ship will be saved.