

MAY INVOLVE LAWYERS

Methods Of Some To Be Revealed
At Ward Trial, It Is Said.

THE SEARCHLIGHT ON OTHERS

Police Commissioners Hold Short Conference—Counsel To Examine Defense's Witnesses.

At the trial of Capt. Bernard J. Ward, of the Northwestern district, against whom charges have been preferred by Marshal Farnan, which will take place on December 27, it was said yesterday that the searchlight will be thrown on several lawyers, who, it is alleged, have been promising police protection for a consideration persons arrested thought to have money. The reputations of several other persons in private life who make it their business to linger around police courts, it is said, will also be aired at the trial. These individuals, it is said, tell prisoners that they have a certain amount of "pull" with the police and politicians which, they claim, enables them to influence the magistrates to "let them off easy."

A well-known police official declares that this class will be grilled at the trial of Captain Ward. "These people should be prosecuted," said the same official, "for they are a menace to justice. In some instances they have been known to exert such influence as to cause a miscarriage of justice."

"Does this affect the grand jury?" the official was asked.

"No, not directly," was the reply. "The man tells his victim that he knows certain members of the grand jury who can be influenced, when, as a matter of fact, the men does not know any of the jury personally."

The Police Board took no further action yesterday in the Ward case. Colonel Swann and the other members had a short conference in the morning.

Former Mayor Thomas G. Hayes, who has been retained with former Congressman Harry B. Wolf, as counsel for Captain Ward, said yesterday that from the statements made to him by Captain Ward he is absolutely convinced of the Captain's innocence of the charges against him. It was at the suggestion of Mr. Hayes, in a letter to the Police Board, that the investigation was fixed to begin December 27. That is the earliest day that Mr. Hayes could count upon as being free from other professional engagements. In the meantime Mr. Hayes will examine Captain Ward's witnesses and will prepare a vigorous defense for his client.

Every day last week Mr. Hayes spent in Belair defending the suit brought by Mrs. Lillie R. Odell to break the will of her mother, Mrs. Annie E. Ruby, widow of William H. Ruby, a well-known newspaper publisher of Baltimore county. During the trial of the will case Mr. Hayes has spent the nights at home, getting out of bed at 6.15 A. M. daily to catch a train for Belair and returning at night.

He was in Baltimore yesterday, the trial of the will case having been adjourned from Friday until tomorrow. It will probably last several days more. Yesterday Mr. Hayes argued two cases in Part 2 of the Superior Court and spent some time in his office.