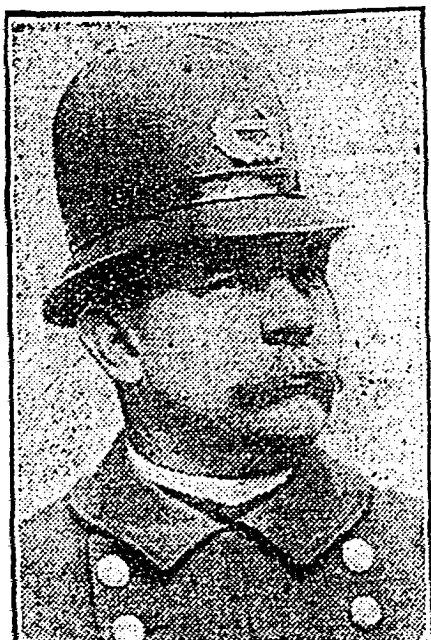


POLICE SERGEANT WHO DIED YESTERDAY



FRANK J. PLUM

SERGT. F. J. PLUM DEAD

Succumbs To Long Illness, Following
Attack Of Pneumonia.

ON THE FORCE FOR 25 YEARS

Was In The Northwestern District
During Polley Fight And Was
Witness In Ward Trial.

Sergt. Frank J. Plum, of the Northeastern district, whose critical condition was announced in THE SUN yesterday, died yesterday morning at his home, 1722 West Lafayette avenue. Suffering with pleurisy from which complications developed, he went to St. Joseph's Hospital, where an operation was performed and last month he was sufficiently improved to be transferred to his home. Bright's disease developed, however, and last week there came a change for the worse.

Sergeant Plum was 53 years old, having been born February 27, 1860. On May 1, 1888, he was appointed a probationer and a month later was made regular and assigned to the Northwestern district. He was appointed sergeant on May 12, 1897, and in June, 1909, was transferred to the Northeastern district, where he had since been stationed.

Plum was one of the chief witnesses in the trial of Capt. Bernard J. Ward by the Police Board in 1909, which resulted in Ward being dropped on January 1, 1910. A counter charge was brought against Plum during that trial in which it was alleged that the Sergeant had demanded "protection" money from a woman on McCulloh street.

The charge was dismissed.

Sergeant Plum had completed 25 years of active service. He first came before the people of the city prominently in the policy crusade of the nineties. His beat in the Northwestern district embraced the stronghold of the policy game managers, as well as the homes of the rabid devotees of the game, the negroes. He raided the policy "joints" time and again, but each time the cases collapsed. Plum charged "tampering" by "inside" interests.

Sergeant Plum, besides his widow, Mrs. Annie M. Plum, leaves four children—Frank J. Plum, a policeman in the Western district; Mrs. R. J. Mackall, John G. Plum, of Cumberland, Md., and Miss Annie Plum. A brother, Emil G. Plum, of Washington State, also survives.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from St. Martin's Catholic Church, Rev. Carroll C. Smyth officiating. Burial will be in Lorraine Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be selected today by the Police Board from among his former mates on the force.