

# NOW FOR POLICE CHARGES

Accusations To Be Filed Against Board Today Or Tomorrow.

## NEW EVIDENCE IS EXPECTED

Messrs. Straus And Hayes Reported To Be In Possession Of Stories Of Widespread Law Violations.

Unless something unexpected arises the amended charges against the Police Board will be filed with Governor Crothers either today or tomorrow. For the last two weeks Attorney-General Straus and former Mayor Thomas G. Hayes have been carefully studying the evidence brought out at the preliminary investigation, and as a result, it is said, the new charges are definite in their terms.

Ever since the preliminary investigation closed a number of citizens, have been acting as voluntary detectives, and it is said much evidence of widespread violations of the liquor law has been collected. It is also said that evidence will be produced to show that gambling is done in a number of places in this city. The alleged failure of the police to prevent clothing manufacturers from working their employes on Sunday will also be testified to at the trial.

It is rumored that the Governor has received a set-back in his efforts to connect the "leaks" which, it is said, have in the past made contemplated raids ineffective with officials in the Police Department. It is known that the Attorney-General had counted on much valuable information along this line from former Police Captain B. J. Ward. Captain Ward is understood, however, to have declared that he will not "peach" on any member of the force. He is also quoted as saying that he desires only to "reach" President Whelple, or, in other words, show his resentment against the president for his dismissal from the force.

It is pointed out, however, that if Ward's testimony is to have any weight against the Commissioners it must implicate some member of the department. Only by showing that evils did exist with the knowledge and approval of the police officials, it is contended, can the Commissioners be held guilty of incompetency in failing to remove the guilty man or men in the department.

That the charges will not lack clearness or definiteness is the statement of Mr. Straus.