

"CONDUCT OF CROSS WARRANTED PROBE"

District Attorney Wilson Tells View of Handbook Case Against Inspector.

That the relations of Police Inspector Francis E. Cross with certain alleged bookmakers in June, 1911, the time agents of the Department of Justice made a number of arrests of men charged with making book on the races, were not of such a character as to justify criminal procedure of any kind, but that the facts did warrant an official investigation of Cross' conduct as a high police official, was the statement of United States Attorney Clarence R. Wilson before the police trial board yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Wilson and Edward B. Spear, for twenty years a Western Union telegraph operator at the Metropolitan Hotel, were the principal witnesses.

The District Attorney told of a conference he had with Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, and Gen. John A. Johnston, Commissioner, who has general supervision of the Police Department, in the latter part of a few days after the arrests by agents of the Department of Justice.

Justified an Inquiry. "I gave them facts which I believed justified an inquiry of Cross' conduct as a high official of the Police Department," said Mr. Wilson. "I did not believe the facts warranted criminal action, as it is well known that a very strong case must be had to convict a man before a jury of violating the gambling laws, in connection with playing the races."

In reply to a question by Chairman Marshall, of the trial board, Mr. Wilson said that even had Cross not been a police officer, he did not believe he would have prosecuted him on the evidence which his office had.

The Commissioners and Major Sylvester conducted a private investigation of Cross' conduct at the time, and it was reported, the officer was reprimanded, but no public action of any kind was taken. Officials of the Police Department assert that they have been trying for nearly two years to get the case before the trial board, but that the delay was due to the alleged reluctance of agents of the Department of Justice, evidence being to testify.

Spear Tells Story. Spear, the telephone operator who was arrested in June, 1911, said that he was introduced to Inspector Cross by a "tout" who brought the officer to the telephone office at the Metropolitan Hotel and said that Cross was to see the contents of an envelope he might find there, but was not to know the names of the persons to whom they were addressed. The messages were in code and Spear said he could not translate them. Cross, by sensitive leaders, perhaps twenty-five times and saw the messages.

Witness then told how Clyde E. Ambrose and Kirt W. DeBelle, agents of the Department of Justice, arranged with him for the placing of a bet with Jimmy Cullinane, Ambrose and DeBelle, who were known to Spear at that time under assumed names, said that he had "good things" coming before long and that they wanted to know some reliable bookmaker, whom they could be sure would take their bets.

Spear said he communicated this information to Cross, who told him to take the bets and to see that they were placed with reliable bookmakers. A few days later DeBelle gave him \$50 and wrote a check for \$50 on a slip of paper. Spear said he put these in an envelope. DeBelle told him the "good thing" was coming off that day.

Witness asserted that he communicated this information to the Inspector Cross, who was in front of the hotel, and showed him the envelope containing the \$50 and the check. "I had a 'good thing' coming before long," said Spear, "was when some one came up and asked me my initials and then I was told I was under arrest."

W. B. Bryan to Talk. Wilhelmus B. Bryan will make the principal address before the Columbia Historical Society, at its next meeting to be held in the Octagon building, next Tuesday night.

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RUPPERT HOME TO HOLD CELEBRATION

Ladies' Aid Society of Institute for Aged and Infirm Will Plan Anniversary Exercise at Next Meeting—News of Anacostia People.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., APRIL 12. The eleventh anniversary of the opening of the Christian and Elenora Euphrates Home for the Aged and Infirm will be celebrated soon. The Ladies' Aid Society, composed of Washington women, of which Mrs. Leopoldina Facius is the president, will adhere to its custom of having the home thrown open for the inspection of the public and of holding exercises for the inmates and the guests to commemorate its founding. There will be a meeting of the society early next month at the institution to make arrangements for the celebration.

The Minnesota Avenue Improvement Association will meet Tuesday evening at the residence of John T. Herbert, 512 Good Hope road. Dr. George C. Havener will outline the plans for a celebration when the new pumping station is completed at Eighteenth street and Minnesota avenue.

Mrs. Catherine Loeffler, of Washington, who, with a committee of women representing the Sewing Society of the German Orphan Asylum, has arranged for a benefit performance by the Columbia Players at the Columbia Theater on Wednesday night, has been successful in interesting the friends of the orphanage in the benefit and they have promised to assist the home by attending the play on that night.

Thirty-six prizes were distributed by the Dorcas Society, the members of which are young women associated with the Esther Memorial P. E. Church, at a progressive five hundred party at the home of Mrs. Robert E. Cook, Bellevue on Friday evening last. John Russell, of Washington, won the first prize for men and Mrs. Samuel M. Phillips, of Congress Heights, the first prize for women.

William A. Snell has been elected delegate and Alexander Davidson alternate to represent the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church at the spring meeting of the presbytery of Washington city.

The silver cigar lighter which was taken away by the robber who entered the home of Dr. U. S. Howser, 1511 Minnesota avenue, and which was stolen when the physician's clothes were taken away by the thief, has been found in a field "close" where the garments were thrown away.

Miss Edna Speiter, of Nichols avenue, Congress Heights, has gone with Mrs. Charles Lambert to the latter's home in Elizabethton, N. J. Mrs. Lambert has been visiting Mrs. Robert E. Cook, her mother.

Capt. Wallace B. Smith, retired officer of the Fire Department, is confined to his home in Congress Heights in a critical condition.

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CONGRESSMAN PREDICTS CANAL WILL NEVER PAY

Congressman Walter L. Hensley of Missouri who was one of the official party which recently inspected the Panama canal, stated in an address before the Missouri Society last night at Baeseher's, that it would be several years before the canal pays even its operating cost. Thereafter, he said, it might render a small amount of interest, but it would never repay the Government for its cost.

Mr. Hensley calculated that the canal would cost \$500,000,000 before completion. According to his prediction it would not be opened before October. The success of the undertaking, Mr. Hensley attributed to the health officers who stamped out disease which would have caused failure.

CIVIL SUNDRY BILL NEEDS NO REPORT

It has been decided that it will be unnecessary to report the Appropriations Committee of the House at this time in order to put through the sundry civil bill, one of the annual budgets which failed in the congestion at the close of the past session. The sundry civil budget will be reintroduced and passed by the House by special rule and the Appropriations Committee will not be named until fifty other standing committees of the House are appointed. There is precedent for passing a bill of this character without actual report from the committee. In the fifty-fifth Congress the sundry civil bill failed in the closing hours of the session and it was re-passed at the beginning of the next session without formal report from the Appropriations Committee.

MARYLAND PASTOR GOES TO PROVIDENCE

The Rev. Frank B. Cowell, for Five Years in Montgomery County, Resigns.

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 12.—The Rev. Frank B. Cowell, pastor for the last five years of the Baptist Churches at Barnesville, Travilah, Cedar Grove, and Germantown, this county, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Shawnee Baptist Church, at Providence, R. I., and has tendered his resignations as pastor of the churches in this county to take effect June 1.

The county commissioners have adjudged William C. O'Neale, of Halpine, this county, to be of unsound mind, and have committed him to Springfield Hospital.

Prof. Earle B. Wood, county superintendent of public schools, will represent Maryland at the Conference for Education in the South, which convenes in Richmond, Va., Tuesday.

A license to marry has been issued to Eli Tucker and Mrs. Mary Lucretia Tucker, both of Ednor.

At an open meeting of the Rockville Woman's Club, held in the club rooms here Friday evening, Folger McKenzie, of Baltimore, known as the "Bentztown Bard," was the guest of honor. He read a number of his poems and gave an interesting talk about his work as a poet.

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LITTLE OPPOSITION TO MAYOR SHEPHERD

Hyattsville Voters to Meet April 21 to Nominate Candidates to Head Municipality.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., April 12.—A general convention of the voters of the town will be held Monday, April 21, to nominate candidates for mayor. Immediately after the majority nominations separate conventions of the voters of each ward will be held. Mayor H. W. Shepherd seeks re-election. No pronounced candidates have come out openly against him, although there is strong opposition to his stand in regard to automobiles speeding through the town.

John C. Brooke, a young Washington attorney, has announced his candidacy for councilman in the Second ward. George M. McFarland has announced his candidacy for the council in the Third ward, while in the First ward it is almost certain that the friends of Howard D. Orr will announce his candidacy.

Edward Keegin, a stenographer and court official, has considerable opposition in the Third ward, because he is a newcomer. The friends of J. H. Wilson are urging him to run for mayor, as are the friends of Fire Chief Edward Devlin. Sealed proposals will be received by the town authorities for the construction of an eight-inch terra cotta sewer in the Wells subdivision.

George P. Hickey, son of Judge John P. Hickey, has announced himself a candidate for the office of registrar of wills of Prince George county.

Senior Prom Wednesday. The senior prom of the senior classes of Georgetown University will be held at the Willard Wednesday evening. Dinner will be served in the main dining room and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock. It is expected that 1,000 persons will be present.

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