

## GRAND JURY REPORT

METZGER'S CASE

No Indication as to What Will Be the Final Action on This Case.

LAWYERS REMAIN RETICENT

Many Witnesses Already Examined During Present Sitting.

Chief of Police Robert Metzger was examined in a partial report to the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon. This fact, considered together with the number of witnesses that have been examined, leads to the belief that not only the charges of cruelty to prisoners in his custody are being investigated, but also his record in the same respects when he was sheriff and charges of undue political activity since he became a city employee. The final report of the grand jury is expected next Tuesday, but it is impossible to predict what it will contain with regard to Chief Metzger or Joseph Popolino, city market master, who also is said to be under investigation for participating in politics.

Lawyers who have much business in the Criminal Court refrain from any discussion of the case, but also they explain that this is due to their uncertainty as to what effect any expression of theirs might have on Judge Alfred Wood, who do talk about the matter, however, seem to think that Judge Wood's course has not been wholly consistent. They say that he has never before ordered a grand jury investigation of the political activity of city employees, either Democrats or Republicans, though there have been numbers of instances that could hardly have escaped his notice.

## Are Not Summoned.

Neither Chief of Police Metzger nor Market Master Popolino has been summoned to appear before the present grand jury.

Chief Metzger was examined by the preceding grand jury in regard to the charges that he had locked down William Koon, a prisoner, for using vile and abusive language toward a little 8-year-old girl, whom Koon confessed he had attempted criminally to assault, while he was being questioned by Metzger in the presence of the child and her mother. It is commented that no indications as to any actions of the chief having a political significance were given to the previous grand jury and that this matter was taken up immediately after Judge Wood's decision for the removal of Metzger from the Criminal Court.

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The day's business being concluded, the staff of police who patrol nightly the great Portland Square Museum duly filed into the building. A man in a plain suit, it being his duty to thoroughly examine every nook and cranny, having done which all doors of communication are closed, the officer on guard in one room being unable to leave his post or to enter another.

The constable in the Egyptian room glanced into the various sarcophagi and cast the rays of his bull's-eye lantern into the shadows of the great stone tombs. Satisfied that no one lurked there, he mounted the steps leading up to the Roman gallery. Then a singular thing occurred.

From somewhere within the darkened chamber beneath there came the sound of a hollow cough.

By a man so deficient in courage the constable went down the steps in three bounds, his lantern throwing discs of light on stately statues and gloomy tombs. It was upon casting the rays of his bull's-eye lantern into the shadows of the Egyptian room that he experienced a sudden sensation of fear. It was empty, yet he distinctly remembered from his previous examination that a mummy had lain there.

"Very strange," muttered the sergeant, and in a moment later his whistle which this latter officer (his name was Smith) used. Eureka! he was tall and slim like myself. Every night throughout the rest of the week I spent in this constable's company studying this somewhat colorless personality. Then one afternoon I entered the museum disguised. I went up to the Egyptian room to assure myself that certain mummy case had not been removed, and having found it to occupy its usual place, I descended to the Egyptian basement.

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