

# ALDERMEN ABOLISH POLICE INSPECTOR; 5 MORE CAPTAINS

**Finance Committee at Night  
Session Cuts Off Appropri-  
ation for 8 High Men.**

**SEE PLAN TO SAVE SOME**

**But Attorney Wheelock Says Vice  
Inquiry Will Be Pushed  
to End.**

**MAYOR EXPLAINS NEW SYSTEM**

The city council's finance committee last evening voted unanimously to abolish the position of police inspector on Jan. 1, the end of the city's fiscal year. The action was approved by Mayor Harrison and is expected to meet the approval of the council, which holds a special meeting this afternoon at 2 p. m.

The action of the administration is taken as a direct effort to put an end to possibilities of graft as exposed in the current investigation of the police department.

The five inspectors now not under fire are to be reduced to the rank of captain, increasing the number to twenty-four, and allowing one captain to each of the important precincts. Incidentally, instead of getting the \$3,080 salary which they had hoped for, against their present \$2,800 a year, they will be reduced to \$2,250.

#### Mayor Explains Plan.

"It seems to be the general impression that it is better to do away with so much division of authority," said Mayor Harrison as the meeting ended. "We want to get the men in charge of police affairs closer to the men who are on the job."

"The present object is to place a captain in charge of each of all the important stations in the busy districts. That plan will be worked out in the near future."

Fear was expressed after the decision of the finance committee had been announced, however, that it was aimed to put an end to the revelations brought forth before the civil service commission by Attorney W. W. Wheelock.

The committee's provision for five new captains was taken as a disposition to give jobs to the five men now serving as inspectors against whom no charges have been filed.

#### Strikes at Three Inspectors.

The civil service commission in its vice inquiry has, to date, covered but a part of the city. It has struck at three police of the eight police inspectors. They are:

John L. Revere of the Chicago avenue police station, now under charges, the verdict in whose case is due today.

John Wheeler of the Harrison street station, now under suspension.

Charles C. Dorman of Desplaines street station, discharged.

It has heard evidence against some of the other five police inspectors, but has not had opportunity to hear all of it as yet.

#### Plan to Clear Others?

If, as was reported, the five new captaincies were created to make room for the inspectors who have not been reached by the civil service commission, the following inspectors may be given a clean bill of health:

Nicholas Hunt, Central division stationed at detective bureau.

William P. Clancy, Second division stationed at Hyde Park station.

P. D. O'Brien, First division, stationed at South Clark street in place of Inspector Wheeler, suspended under charges.

P. J. Lavin, Fourth division, located at Maxwell street.

Stephen K. Healy, Sixth division stationed at West Chicago avenue.

The motion to cut out the appropriation for the usual eight inspectors, which would increase it, as requested, was introduced by Ald. Charles E. Reading of the Thirty-third ward. There was no opposition at the start. When Mayor Harrison said he was satisfied to have the appropriation cut away, and that he believed with five more captains the police department could be managed to better advantage, all possibility of the motion's failure vanished. The vote was unanimous.

#### Won't Stop, Says Wheelock.

"The investigation will not be stopped," said Attorney Wheelock, firmly. "Not so far as I know. It makes no difference what has been done with the five inspectors. The Revere case will go right on in the morning and the other cases now being considered will continue."

"You must remember we are not after inspectors alone. There are plenty of others. So far as I can see, the investigation will continue until we have looked into every scrap of evidence offered us. Then it will stop, but not before then."

Maj. Miles of the investigating force declined to comment on the result the committee's action would have on the investigation. He made it clear that the unexpected turn of affairs will be taken up at today's conference of the civil service commission forces, and would be covered in a statement to be issued later on.

#### Revere Slated to Go.

Police Inspector John L. Revere will be discharged that Capt. Bernard P. (Barney) Baer and Lieut. John (Sandy) Hanley will escape dismissal from the police force, according to the predictions heard about the city hall in the afternoon.

The trial of the three north side police officials was closed in the afternoon before the city civil service commission, and that body is expected to bring in its findings today. All the commanding officers stand charged with neglect of duty and inefficiency.