

RILEY IN CHINATOWN TO STOP GAMBLING

Waldo Sends Capt. Tierney to Greenwich Street Station After His Raids.

LAHEY ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Commissioner Announces That There Will Be No Loosening of the Gaynor Lid—Kline Satisfied.

Commissioner of Police Rhinelander Waldo made it clear yesterday that the lid placed on New York by Mayor Gaynor was not going to be pried loose or eased any by his permission. The Commissioner announced that in the remaining days of his office he was going to continue to suppress gambling and enforce the excise laws.

This news from headquarters, together with the Commissioner's trip to Chinatown and the removal of a Captain, a sergeant, and a detective for permitting gambling houses to exist there, has renewed curiosity in the future policy of Mayor Adolph L. Kline.

The Mayor saw the Commissioner yesterday, but the Chiantown raid and the suspension of Capt. Frank A. Tierney under charges were not discussed, it was said. The Mayor saw the drill of police recruits at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, and Commissioner Waldo, who was there also, accompanied him downtown.

The Mayor later in the day was asked about the situation. He was told that common rumor in the city was that the gamblers and proprietors of gaming houses were counting the hours until the lid was removed and that they fully expected to open at once. He was also told that gamblers were saying that Waldo would have to get out of the way.

"I don't know anything about that," the Mayor said. "The gamblers can't figure me for a minute."

"Well, are you satisfied with Waldo?" he was asked.

"I have been," said the Mayor, and he paused, "and I am at present. I don't know anything about this Chinatown matter. It has not been brought to my attention yet."

While the Mayor was professing ignorance of the latest development in the police administration, Commissioner Waldo was busy. He had Deputy Commissioner Newburger hard at work on the official conduct of Inspector Lahey, in charge of the Second Inspection District. This investigation followed a long conference between Waldo and Lahey. The Inspector had been on an eighteen-hour leave when the Commissioner made his nocturnal visit to Chinatown and found three gambling houses. The Commissioner demanded of Lahey how those places could be fitted up as gambling houses in the district without the Inspector's knowledge. Whatever Waldo may have deduced from his interview with Lahey he did not divulge, but immediately turned over to Deputy Commissioner Newburger such information as he possessed. It is expected that Newburger will report to Waldo as soon as possible, but what action may be taken by Waldo then is problematical.

Meanwhile Capt. Tierney, Sergt. Owen J. Keegan, attached to the office of Inspector Lahey and Detective Louis Gray of Lahey's staff, face charges before the Trial Board. Their cases are expected to come up on Tuesday.

While the officers were stripped of their police powers on Thursday night by Commissioner Waldo they were in a measure restored yesterday. Capt. Tierney, who has been in charge of the Elizabeth Street Station, has been transferred to the Greenwich Street Station and Capt. Dominick Riley put in Tierney's place. Riley's orders are to clean up Chinatown.

Riley relieves Lieut. Brenner, who was temporarily in command after Commissioner Waldo posted the notice on the Elizabeth Street blotter that Tierney, Keegan, and Gray were suspended.

When the Commissioner and two friends found the fully equipped gambling houses at 18, 26 and 26½ Pell Street, they were temporarily halted by the ice box doors which sheltered the gaming rooms. Capt. Tierney had joined the "sightseers," and when the keys to the suspected rooms were not produced, Commissioner Waldo gave Tierney five minutes to get the door opened. At the expiration of four minutes he again called on Tierney, and the doors were opened. He did not threaten Tierney with the loss of his Captaincy, but he did tell him that he would not command that precinct longer. He made good his threat and Tierney is out of Chinatown.

This rebuke to Tierney has surprised the police, because when Inspector John Daly cleaned up Chinatown, Tierney was commended. Waldo's first dissatisfaction with Chinatown was evinced three weeks ago on his return from Coney Island. He went through Chinatown and saw a few things that displeased him. He waited a reasonable length of time, and Thursday night's motor car trip was the result.

Yesterday the theory was advanced that the raided Chinatown joints were "show places," and fitted up as "gambling hells" for the edification of the "rubberneck" wagon tourists who go through Chinatown. Commissioner Waldo disposed of this theory. He described the houses visited as gambling houses, and said that while there was no evidence of gambling, there was undisputed evidence that the places were prepared for fan tan and other Chinatown gambling operations.

Another phase of the effort to keep gambling suppressed was shown when charges were preferred by Deputy

Commissioner Newburger against Capt. August Kuhne of the Lenox Avenue station. These charges developed after raids conducted by Newburger in resorts at 135th Street and Lenox Avenue. The charges against Kuhne are failure to maintain proper discipline in his command and failure to report gambling.

The Lenox Avenue raids resulted in the arrest of thirty-four prisoners. Thirty-one of these were fined \$10 each as common gamblers, and three others charged with maintaining gambling resorts were held for trial.

The Chinatown raid has excited the Tenderloin, and it is asking itself what is going to happen next. Bridge players and poker players in upper New York have been confidently predicting that the lid would be taken off before the election. Stuss game operators on the east side are said to have anticipated this, and opened their games. The Chinatown operations were said to be the test case, and that the Kline policy would be "tried on the dog."

The saloon men also have expected some relief from Mayor Gaynor's enforcement of the 1 o'clock law. Mayor Kline was quoted as favoring a relaxation of the restaurant regulations to permit them to remain open until 2 o'clock instead of 1 as at present. Commissioner Waldo stopped speculation on this. He announced that he would enforce the 1 o'clock rule unless the places had all-night licenses.

The result of this was the rumor that Mayor Kline would issue more all-night licenses, and applications have been filed in City Hall for them. Among those who applied yesterday were the Shanley Company, Forty-third Street and Broadway; Churchill's, at Broadway and Forty-ninth Street; Reisenweber's, at Eighth Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street; the Café de Paris, Forty-second Street and Broadway; Maxim's Hotel in Thirty-ninth Street; Café Raub Company, Brooklyn; the Kaiserhof, Broadway and Thirty-ninth Street, and Bustanoby's in Thirty-ninth Street.

The Mayor has not indicated that he will grant more all-night licenses, but the prediction is freely made that he will.

KLINE AT POLICE DRILL.

500 New Men Being Instructed by Regular Army Officer.

Mayor Kline saw 500 recruits for the Police Department being drilled for the service yesterday in the Twelfth Regiment Armory and came away with Commissioner Waldo enthusiastic over the modern idea of police instruction. He was delighted with the progress Capt. Koehler of the regular army has made with the men. The instruction of the men in foot movements and the teaching of them to stand in the position of soldiers has been under way for about five weeks. The Mayor said the selection of Capt. Koehler, a West Point man, was a happy one.

Chief Magistrate William McAdoo instructed 125 of the recruits in court practice at Headquarters in the afternoon. The Magistrate's lecture was on how to present a police case in court. Under his direction a mock trial was held. The class of 500 has been divided into four law sections. The Magistrate will deliver three more lectures at Headquarters.

The next lesson of the probationers will be given by Inspector Cornelius F. Cahalane of the Fifth Inspection District, who will show the new men how to make an arrest.