

## SUSPENDED POLICE OFFICER HELD ON FEDERAL CHARGES

Detectives Say Raymond Fletcher Admits Being 'Dope' Addict.

Raymond E. Fletcher, 27, of 241 N. Meridian St., motorcycle officer suspended Wednesday, is held at city prison and without bond on a Federal vagrancy charge.

He resigned today.

In a statement to Detectives Roache and Fossatti and Federal Officer Keene, Fletcher admitted he has been a "dope" addict since 1917, according to the officers.

Fletcher was suspended after Lieutenant Ball and Sergeant Halstead found him in a room at the Roosevelt while investigating on a call that an automobile with the interior covered with blood, and a revolver and cap on the seat, was parked in the rear of the hotel. It was discovered Fletcher had rented the auto.

Pharmacy Robbery

Halstead and Ball, in their reports, said Fletcher admitted being intoxicated and said he had taken seventeen grains of "dope," according to police.

Fletcher said the habit had been started in the army in 1917 when additional "morale" was necessary, according to Chief Rilkoff. He said he had nearly overcome the habit when he met with a motorcycle accident two years ago in which his shoulder was broken. Dope given at the hospital started the habit again and he gradually grew worse, Fletcher said. He asked Rilkoff to add him to the getting into a sanitarium.

Fletcher was questioned in investigation of a robbery of the A. R. Taylor Pharmacy, 4142½ Boulevard Pl., where narcotics valued at \$12 were taken Tuesday night.

Fletcher, in a written statement, said, according to police, "I do not remember anything that happened after about 10 p. m. I do not want to say I did and would not say I did not remember."

Party Described

He also stated, police said, that two years ago, when he was a member of the detective department, from which he was reduced several months ago, he made an investigation at the Tay-

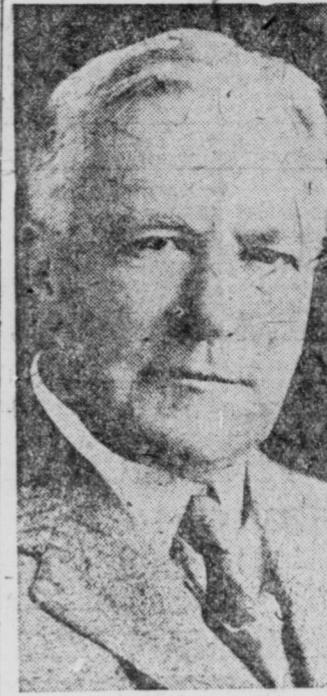
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## STATE ATTEMPTS TO LINK MCCRAY

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credited to McCray's personal account, on instructions from the Governor.

Questioned on Conversation

"What conversation did you have with McCray about this?" Special Prosecutor Nichols asked.

"I don't recall any specific conversation," the witness replied.

"Did you talk to him?"

"I can't recall."

"What conversation did you have with the defendant?"

"In substance, that he was placing funds to our credit."

"And that would mean his personal account?"

"Yes."

Michael A. Ryan, one of McCray's attorneys, made a strong effort to have this last question and answer stricken from the record.

Judge Chamberlin allowed it to stand.

"Is that all he said?" Nichols asked.

"As I recall it, yes."

Morris then identified ledger sheets showing deposits to McCray, of these amounts: June 2, 1923, \$25,000; June 8, \$25,000; June 11, \$50,000; July 13, \$25,000.

Funds Transferred

The witness said that McCray informed him on June 8 that he was transferring funds "for our account, to be credited to his account with us."

"Was that conversation on the telephone?" Nichols asked.

"I think it was," Morris replied.

"I am not sure."

His testimony regarding the \$50,000 deposit of June 11 was substantially the same.

Morris spoke in a low voice, which at times could be heard only a few feet away.

Finally Judge Chamberlin turned to him and said: "If your evidence is to have any weight at all you must speak out."

Nichols next took up the deposit of June 2, for \$25,000.

"When that was made, were any charges made against McCray's personal account?" he asked.

"Yes, \$25,023.45," Morris answered.

"Of what did it consist?"

"Various checks."

"Where did you get them?"

Came Through Mail

"They came through the mail."

"When did you get them?"

"I can not say."

"How long had they been there?"

"I can not say."

"Do any of the bank records show this?"

"Yes; the teller's cash book."

"Who kept it?"

"Myself and the assistant cashier."

"How were these checks being carried?"

"As cash items."

At this point, the morning recess began.

"Bills Receivable" Account

Money of the board of agriculture used by McCray appeared on the books of the board as bills receivable from the Discount and Deposit State Bank of Kentland and McCray's name did not appear on the records of the board. Miss Mihne Fisher, bookkeeper for the board, who was on the witness stand all day Thursday, testified.

"Some one told you to put these entries under bills receivable?" asked Ryan, attorney for the defense.

"I saw the checks, which said loans," Miss Fisher answered.

"All of them were loans?" asked Ryan.

"Yes, loans to the Discount and Deposit Bank," the witness replied.

"A Form of Loan"

Miss Fisher said she understood the money was given to the bank as a "form of loan" under certificate of deposit.

On cross-examination she said she never saw any certificate of deposit or any other obligation from the bank.

McCray contends he gave the board of agriculture a check dated in advance to cover one of the checks for \$30,000 made payable to the Discount and Deposit Bank, which he said was a loan to him.

Miss Fisher said she knew the board had a check dated ten days in advance for one item of \$30,000, which was listed as a bill receivable from the bank. She said she deposited the check in the Fletcher-American National Bank when the date of the instrument arrived.

"Did not that check come back marked 'no funds'?" Clarence W. Nichols, special prosecutor

Question Ruled Out

The question was ruled out by the court on motion of the defense.

McCay also contends he gave a note of \$1,000 to the board to cover part of the money. Miss Fisher said she did not remember a note.

"If there was a note given I, Newt Brown, secretary of the board, by McCay, that note was not turned over to you?" Ryan asked.

"Not that I recollect."

Miss Fisher said she had the custody of certificates of deposit, but that she had received none from the Discount and Deposit Bank.

Miss Fisher volunteered the information that she remembered a list of securities in connection with the \$155,000 transaction.

Check Is Introduced

The defense introduced in evidence a check for \$30,000 signed by McCay and made payable to the board. Miss Fisher said this was the check dated in advance that she had sent to the bank.

Miss Fisher testified she had made out the body of all the checks turned over to Governor McCay, and that

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In the cases of two of them the name of the payee was left out. She was shown these two checks in which the name of the Discount and Deposit Bank was written in ink. She identified the handwriting as that of Brown. She said she had put the name of the bank on stubs of the checks at the dictation of Brown.

These checks were dated June 11 and totalled \$50,000.

No Knowledge of Loan

Nichols asked Miss Fisher if she had any knowledge of loans to McCay. She replied she had not. The answer was stricken out of the record on objection by the defense.

"Most of the day was spent in putting records of the board and the checks turned over to McCay in evidence. Miss Fisher identified the various books and checks.

Only the faces of the checks were placed in evidence and the jury was shown them with warning not to look at the endorsements. State's attorneys indicated they would place the endorsements in evidence later.

STATE GIVES NEW TEACHERS' COURSE

Provisions Made to Educate Mental Deficients.

Designated as "one of the most modern innovations in Indiana education," a new course for training of teachers for mentally deficient children was ordered today by the State board of education.

Approximately 125 teachers now are engaged in this work. Courses will be established at Indiana University and the State Normal School at Terre Haute.

Among important changes in teachers' training and licensing, approved by the board, was one providing that license can be granted in one subject by specializing in training.

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