

MEYER COMMITTEE CAN'T FIND ENRIGHT

Process Server Reports Inability to Deliver Subpoena at Headquarters.

COUNSEL IS CHAGRINED

Commissioner Called Again to Ap- pear for Grilling on Police Records Monday.

Unable to get the records they desire from the Police Department, the Joint Legislative Investigation Committee yesterday decided to call Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright and put him on the grill. Armed with a subpoena, an investigator for the committee went to Police Headquarters in the morning and waited. The subpoena called for Commissioner Enright's appearance before the committee at 2:30 o'clock.

Shortly after 3 P. M. the subpoena server returned to the headquarters of the committee at 38 Park Row with the information that the Police Commissioner could not be found. As the committee had planned to give its entire session to Mr. Enright, no further business was transacted, and another subpoena was issued, calling upon Commissioner Enright to appear before it next Monday.

By calling Commissioner Enright the committee hoped to end once for all its difficulty in getting the necessary records of the department. On several occasions committee investigators have gone to the department with demands for papers and records, but invariably they have been unable to get what they went after. State Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, Chairman of the committee, finally decided to trifle no longer, and Thursday night he notified Elon R. Brown, Chief Counsel to the committee, to hurry to the city and be prepared to give Mr. Enright the stiffest kind of a grilling.

Mr. Brown arrived in New York yesterday morning, but after waiting several hours without being able to question the head of the Police Department he did not disguise his chagrin. The committee believes that Commissioner Enright learned of the intention of the committee to subpoena him and deliberately avoided meeting the server.

"The Police Commissioner must have gone fishing," commented Mr. Brown in disgust, when the subpoena server reported what had happened.

Asked what he expected Commissioner Enright to divulge, Mr. Brown replied:

"Some time ago one of the committee's investigators went to Police Headquarters and by arrangement with the city authorities proceeded to examine certain papers, but they put a policeman alongside of him and he couldn't even whisper with any privacy.

"Then we asked them to bring some papers over here, about three boxes full, and the Commissioner sent down a little package instead. Yesterday the story went out that the committee was going to ask the Commissioner to come down here and explain. When the process server got to Police Headquarters this morning he found the Commissioner was not there."

Chairman Meyer said it was his belief that Commissioner Enright knew the night before that it was the committee's intention to call him. The committee's inability to subpoena Commissioner Enright is the latest phase on the controversy that has existed between Chairman Meyer and the Police Department since the committee first came to New York. It began when Deputy Commissioner John A. Leach refused to testify before a sub-committee of one and was upheld by the Supreme Court. Later the committee made a request for the services of Captain "Honest Dan" Costigan, but Commissioner Enright flatly refused it on the ground that it would not be to the best interests of the department.