

Service be directed to make his report in the premises, in writing, and that the Secretary inform the Safety Insulated Wire & Cable Co. of the result of the tests of the cable and that the Board is holding the matter under consideration. (See Exhibit No. 3868.)

Pistol,  
Request for Return Thereof.

A communication, as follows, was received, read and ordered referred to the Board's Counsel for his opinion in the premises.

"Baltimore, Md., June 11th., 1912.

To the Honorable,  
The Board of Police Commissioners  
of Baltimore City.

Gentlemen:-

The Police Department has in its custody, a revolver, the property of John Prevas for whom I am attorney.

The revolver was taken from Prevas on May 1st., 1912, when he was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Prior to this date and for several months previous thereto, this man, whom although a citizen of this country and a tax payer was originally a native of Greece, had been set upon on two different occasions and subjected to severe beatings. After complaint to the Police Department, and after the full circumstances had been related to me, I advised him to carry a revolver for his protection. Before doing so however, I instructed him to make application to the Police Department for permission to carry the same. This application was made, but before the same was acted upon, the present law (Act of 1912) regarding the carrying of concealed weapons went into effect, and the permit asked for was not granted.

At the hearing of his case before Justice Hewes, at the Eastern Police Station, on the morning of May 2nd. this man was fined \$5.00 and costs for carrying the said revolver, and the same was confiscated. As I read the present law, there is no provision for the confiscation of a weapon found upon a person charged with carrying the same, the justification for the carrying of a weapon is left to the discretion of the magistrate or court hearing the case. It is for the reasons that I have set forth, that I respectfully ask the return of the said revolver.

Respectfully,  
EUGENE J. CRONIN."

Patrolman John Egan.

In the matter of Patrolman John Egan, Southwestern District, now on the sick list, suffering from Cardiac Asthma, as referred to in the proceedings of May 22nd., 1912, a report, as follows, was received:

"Baltimore, June 11th., 1912.

Mr. Josiah A. Kinsey, Secretary,  
Police Commissioners, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of June 6th., relating to Patrolman John Egan, have to state that Dr. Hutchins writes me in reply to my letter of inquiry, that said patrolman will never be able to again undertake the arduous duties