

the matter after the receipt of the money by his wife.

Mr. Edward F. Meehan, when first called testified briefly, as follows:-

That when the Cassard case was over he suggested to his company (The American Bonding Company), that the officers who had worked on the case and had been instrumental in effecting the arrest and recovery of a great deal of property, ought to be re-embursed for their expenses and rewarded for their work; that the company gave him \$75. for this purpose; that he desired to pay the money to the officers but they would not accept it, because they did not know the position of the new Board in such matters; that he therefore divided the money and took it to the families; that he gave Mrs. Porter \$25., Mrs. Lancaster \$25., and refused to state what disposition he had made of the remaining \$25. When pressed for an answer as to what he did with the \$25. he stated that he had kept it himself.

Mr. Meehan asked to withdraw the statement, as above, and admitted the facts to be as follows:-

That he had in the month of June, 1912, as near as he could remember, paid Detective William Lancaster in person in the corridor of the Court House, the sum of \$50., in bills, with the understanding that if there was ever any question in regard to the matter, it was to be told that the money had been sent to his wife without his knowledge. Mr. Meehan testified further that he had given no money at all to Detective Porter himself or his wife, but when he gave Detective Lancaster \$50. it was with the supposition that the money was to be divided between Detectives Lancaster and Porter; that he had, however, no knowledge that Porter received any of the money. Mr. Meehan reiterated the statement that the \$25. left after paying Lancaster was appropriated by himself, Meehan. He insisted upon this as true in the face of the position in which the statement placed him before his employers, the American Bonding Company.

Detective Lancaster was recalled and acknowledged that his previous statements were untrue, and that he had received the money \$50. himself, as stated by Mr. Meehan, and that he had kept it all himself, and gave Detective Porter no part of it.