

## W. J. BURNS EXONERATED.

**Police Chiefs Did Not Drop Him Because of the Frank Investigation.**

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CINCINNATI, May 28.—The International Association of Chiefs of Police, at its final session today, adopted the report of the Executive Committee instructing Major Richard Sylvester, President of the organization, to send a letter to Detective Burns declaring that police chiefs were not responsible for the publication of a report last year that he was dropped from the rolls of the association because of his activity in the Leo Frank case. Burns had declared, after an investigation, that Frank was innocent.

The letter will also say that the only reason Burns was dropped from honorary membership in the association was because the entire list was expunged at the time, and future honorary members will consist only of Mayors, Commissioners of Police, and former police chiefs.

After Detective Burns addressed the Executive Committee he was warmly greeted by all the Chiefs. Many of them assured him of their co-operation in any cases in which he may be interested.

## LUSITANIA SURVIVOR HERE.

**S. M. Knox Twice Dived Into the Water Before Being Rescued.**

The second survivor of the Cunarder Lusitania to return to this country is Samuel M. Knox, President of the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, who arrived yesterday from Rotterdam on the Holland-America liner Rotterdam.

"I was in the dining saloon when the Lusitania was hit by the torpedo," he said. "I rushed to my cabin for a lifebelt, which I put on, and then went on deck. I found that the ship had already listed over to starboard and a number of the port lifeboats had been smashed against the side. Then came another explosion, and I jumped over the starboard side into the water. When I came to the surface I saw a lifeboat with one sailor in it that was still made fast by one of the tackles. As I drew nearer the sailor shouted to me to look out for the suction when the ship went down, but I managed to climb up into the boat."

This boat could not be cut free, and Mr. Knox dived over into the water again. He managed to reach a lifeboat that had about thirty-two persons in it, including six women, and one of these had a broken leg. The boat was half full of water, but by bailing it out constantly it was kept afloat for six hours, when a fishing smack came along and rescued the party.

Mr. Knox said that just before he jumped from the Lusitania's deck he noticed Elbert Hubbard standing alone. He had no lifebelt on, and apparently was making no effort to save himself. Mr. Hubbard seemed to be more interested in the scene going on around him.