

AMELI MAY SUCCEED DE GROOT

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Appointment of Howard W. Ameli to succeed William A. De Groot as United States Attorney of the Eastern New York district was expected momentarily today.

Work in the Brooklyn Federal Court, pending the arrival of the mysteriously delayed letter containing De Groot's dismissal—is at a complete standstill—and it is understood the appointment will be speeded in an effort to allow cases already under way to continue.

Lacking any official knowledge as to the status of the United States attorney, judges were forced temporarily to stop the machinery of justice, creating a situation unique in New York court history.

DISMISSAL MESSAGE OVERDUE.

Other major contenders for the attorneyship today took back places in favor of Ameli, who was appointed by De Groot as an assistant United States attorney in charge of civil practice in the Brooklyn office. His promotion would be considered a gesture of amity by Washington to De Groot.

The latter, meanwhile, is still sitting in his office in the Brooklyn Federal Building, technically holding the fort, as Mr. Hoover's notification continues strangely to be delayed.

The President's twenty word mes-

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BANKRUPTCY LAWS' STIFFENING URGED

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Judge Clark Tells State Society of Accountants Better U. S. Jurists Are Needed

More rigid bankruptcy laws, fewer and better Federal judges, suppression of "ambulance-chasing," and better selection of jurors were recommended by Judge William Clark of the United States District Court of New Jersey in an address last night to the State Society of Certified Public Accountants at a banquet in the Elks' Club.

Persons in bankruptcy obtain their discharge much too easily after court action, thus encouraging the practice, Judge Clark declared. He urged adoption of the strict European laws on bankruptcy.

Federal judges, he said, should be fewer in number, better paid and of higher caliber. Juries, he said, would be better if there were more efficient judges and attorneys to choose them. To combat ambulance chasing, Judge Clark suggested that lawyers be compelled to disclose the size of their fee to the court when it is about 20 per cent. of the amount of a suit.

Officers were elected at the meeting, William C. Heaton being chosen president; Henry P. Fernald, first vice-president; Philip S. Suffern, second vice-president; Julius H. Flink, secretary, and Morris J. Hoenig, treasurer.