

Ross Warned On Beer Flow In New Jersey

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Situation Far from Satisfactory, He Is Told
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WASHINGTON—Captain Edwin S. Ross, regional prohibition administrator of New Jersey, was on the carpet today before Dr. James M. Doran, prohibition commissioner, giving a detailed account of the conduct of his office.

By telephone Tuesday afternoon Dr. Doran summoned Captain Ross for a general conference on the New Jersey administration. Captain Ross came down on a night train. Already today he has been in several consultations with the commissioner and other officials of the prohibition unit.

It has been felt for some time in the prohibition unit, it is learned, that the beer situation in New Jersey is far from satisfactory. Also there have been indications that the regional administrator, in direction of the enforcement agents under his command, has not been evincing as much cooperation as was desirable.

Today the commissioner is going over with Captain Ross every phase of his work in New Jersey. Particular stress is being placed upon the activities of the breweries, alcohol plants and the question of warehousing.

"Plain Talk."

Some plain talk has been indulged in at the conferences and the New Jersey administrator has been told that conditions there must improve.

It is known that there have been political forces at work looking to the removal of Captain Ross. These, it is asserted, have nothing whatever to do with his presence here today. As a matter of fact, Ross, like the other regional administrators, is under civil service. He is regarded as an official of integrity by the commissioner.

The thought behind the summoning of Captain Ross was in no sense to harrass him but to point out ways in which the service can be and must be jacked up.

Specific complaints, it is understood, will be gone over and ironed out, and the regional administrator will return to Newark with a new line of duty laid out for him.

One of the allegations made against Captain Ross is that he is inclined to be dictatorial in the conduct of his office. This impression has filtered down to Washington, where it is not viewed with satisfaction.

While numerous complaints that all was not going well in the New Jersey administration have been received by Dr. Doran, none is tantamount to a charge of misconduct in office, and it is said on the best authority that Captain Ross is in no immediate danger of being transferred to another administration.