

# First Jones Act

## Cases in State

### Three Are Being Heard in Newark by Federal Grand Jury

The April term federal grand jury in session at the Newark Post-office today heard the first Jones act cases presented by the United States District Attorney's office in this state.

Three cases involving the sale and transportation of liquor from Atlantic, Ocean and Camden counties were presented by Assistant United States Attorney Arrowsmith. The foreman of the jury is David G. Conrad of Barnegat.

The Jones act, commonly called "the five and ten" law, because it extends the maximum penalties for violation of the Volstead act to five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000, has been in force since March 2.

No cases under the law have been presented to the federal grand jury here before because United States District Attorney Forman, following instructions of former Assistant United States Attorney General Mabel Willebrandt, was desirous of presenting only cases so strong that conviction might reasonably be insured. The three cases presented today are said to be of that order.

If true bills are voted today it is understood indictments will be handed to the court June 18.

## JERSEY BEER SEEN OF POOR QUALITY

### Over-Abundant Supply Denied By Drys—Federal Judges Attacked

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NEWARK, N. J., June 5.—Reports of over-abundant supplies of beer and other alcoholic beverages in New Jersey are discounted by Dr. James M. Doran, National Commissioner of Prohibition. The Rev. Dr. Marna S. Poulson, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, said he had reports indicating enforcement in New Jersey was satisfactory.

Dr. Doran declared many were paying real beer prices in speakeasies for a near-beer product because of the slump in the supply. The "good beer" available, he added, was an unsatisfactory brew made in the "cold process."

Both Dr. Doran and Dr. Poulson made their statements during a visit of the former to the office of Capt. Edwin S. Ross, prohibition administrator for the New Jersey district.

Blame for the "beer situation" was placed on the shoulders of the Federal judges by Dr. Poulson. "I believe that President Hoover ought to have a thorough investigation of certain Federal judges who require the prohibition bureau to issue permits against the better judgment of the administrator," he said. "And if he has the power, the President should take the Federal judges and scramble them around from court to court in order to break any political or social alignment that might exist to the detriment of their efficiency as judges in liquor cases."

## FEDERAL OFFICIAL RESIGNS HIS POST

(United Press) 1929  
WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Justice Department announced today the retirement of John Marshall, of West Virginia, as Assistant Attorney General in charge of administration affairs of the department, effective immediately. Charles P. Sisson, of Rhode Island, recently appointed to succeed Marshall, will take office about June 11.

## DR. DORAN PLEDGES NEW DRIVE AGAINST JERSEY BEER FLOW

### Special Federal Detail Will Invade State In Effort to Halt Stream

## SUPPLY GRADUALLY DROPS

### Much Now on Market Not Real and Prices Charged Exorbitant, Says Dry Head

"There's a lot of near beer sold in New Jersey at real beer prices" according to Dr. James M. Doran, national commissioner of prohibition, who made this statement yesterday in the course of an interview in which he declared that "there is not so much violation as people think," and that "there are no more complaints concerning the situation here than elsewhere."

He stated that the prohibition department will make special efforts to fight the beer trade in this state during the summer months, but that the sporadic conditions here are subject to "some exaggeration" on the part of the general public.

Dr. Doran, interviewed in the prohibition department headquarters in Newark, declared that he was not satisfied with conditions in New Jersey, but that he had "never seen the day when he was satisfied," and that this feeling was shared by Captain Edwin S. Ross, prohibition administrator for the fourth district.

### NOT CRITICISM OF ROSS

"I do not want this remark taken as a criticism of Captain Ross or the steps he has taken to control the matter," he stated specifically.

Dr. Doran declared that there are fewer brewery sites in New Jersey than formerly, and that the condition of prohibition work here is improved over former years.

On the other hand, he declared, this summer will see a new and intensive drive on the beer traffic in this state. The local office will be assisted by additional operatives from Washington. The number of these he would not cite, nor would he state when the big push along the maly front is scheduled to begin.

"Beer has always been a problem in New Jersey," he declared, "particularly during the summer months. But we are going to control it."

He declared that the "wildcat" brewery is being eliminated and that the condition as to legitimate breweries is excellent, as the result of a material and brew check now in effect.

### BEER SUPPLY SLUMPS

In his remark concerning sale of near beer at real beer prices, he explained, a constantly shrinking supply of beer in this state was shown. Furthermore, he declared, the beer available is in great part "cold process" product, an unsatisfactory brew.

The national taste for beer is coincidentally dropping off, he remarked, as is shown by the fact that the cereal beverage production and consumption, according to government records, has been decreasing from 8 to 10 per cent. each year for the last three years. The recorded consumption is now only 6 per cent. of the pre war standard, he said.

The beer problem is not one peculiar to Newark, he told the press, but is encountered in all such great cities such as New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. On the other hand it is almost nonexistent in the South and the West, particularly in the summer. As a result, particular

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