

N. J. DRY LEAGUE'S HEAD BLAMES BEER FLOW ON JUDGES

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Rev. Poulson Criticizes U. S.
Judiciary for Laxness In
Enforcement

WOULD 'SCRAMBLE' BENCH

Believes if Frequent Shifts Were
Made Better Conditions
Would Exist

While Dr. James M. Doran, the National czar of prohibition, yesterday told of the accomplishments of the prohibition department, Rev. Marna S. Poulson, head of the Anti-Saloon League in New Jersey, placed the blame for the so-called "beer situation" upon the shoulders of Federal judges.

"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's," he told the press, 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 alignments that might exist to the detriment of their efficiency as judges in liquor cases."



Rev. Poulson declined to name any jurist who particularly, in his opinion, need "scrambling," but pointed out that in the past the Federal courts had compelled the prohibition department to issue permits to make alcoholic products over the protest of Captain Edwin S. Ross, prohibition administrator here.

PERMITS MANDATORY

"I spoke to Dr. Doran about these permits," Rev. Poulson declared after an interview with the National prohibition commissioner yesterday, "and it has been explained satisfactorily to me that under the Volstead act his subordinates are required to issue such orders, provided the manufacturer shows evidence of sincerity and a good record, although the prohibition administrator may be satisfied that there is reason to withhold the permission."

Rev. Poulson insisted, conditions are better than before, however. He bases his judgment in this respect from official reports to us." "The prohibition department presented by Dr. Doran and Captain Ross," he said, "is sincerely doing its best to cope with conditions in this State."

CALL TOUGH JOB

"This is neither an eulogy nor a criticism, but a statement based upon reports made to us. I think that both of them have a tough job and that each is doing it reasonably well in the face of circumstances that undoubtedly exist. Certainly conditions here are better than in the past."

The Anti-Saloon League head flatly denied that he had presented to Dr. Doran yesterday a list of