

Sees Dry Control Shift as Move to "Divide and Conquer" Enforcement

Proposed transfer of prohibition enforcement agencies from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice was condemned yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Jesse W. Nicholson of Maryland as a wet move to divide the various agencies and make responsibility more difficult to locate, with the ultimate aim of making enforcement appear impossible. Mrs. Nicholson, who is president and chairman of the speakers' bureau of the National Woman's Democratic Law Enforcement League, spoke before the New Jersey Committee, Women's National Committee for Law Enforcement. The meeting, which was held in the Y. W. C. A., had been addressed by Dr. James M. Doran, national prohibition commissioner, earlier in the afternoon.

Mrs. Nicholson, who is also editor of "The Woman Voter," official organ of the enforcement league, assailed the recently formed Woman's Organization for National Prohibition Reform. She urged the women to mobilize against the wet interests in Congressional elections in 1930, and in the Presidential election of 1932.

Scores Proposal.

"There are at present a certain number of wet agitators urging the President to move the prohibition enforcement agencies from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice," said Mrs. Nicholson.

"We see the hand of the wets in such a move. They want to divide and up-

head of this modification league was sincere then, she is insincere now. We know that there are not enough women throughout this nation who want booze returned that they are willing to finance so huge an undertaking. This is the same group of women who have been working in the past as auxiliaries of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, under the following heads: The Molly Pitcher, the Association for the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, the Woman's Section of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the Women's Modification League and the Women's Modification Union."

Women's Votes.

Mrs. Nicholson expressed belief that women were largely responsible for the defeat of such wet leaders as Senators Reed, Bruce and Edwards. Women have not done since their enfranchisement as many had expected them to because candidates offered have seldom stood for the principles in which the women believed, she asserted.

Mrs. Leonard H. Robbins, secretary of the committee, announced plans for a drive for 100,000 members in this state, and for an educational program. She asked the women to attend the courts to investigate whether or not judges and prosecutors are functioning properly in liquor cases.

Mrs. Lillian F. Feickert, president of the New Jersey Women's Republican Club, urged as a practical means of aiding enforcement that the women