

GREAT INCREASE IN U. S. CRIMES REFLECTED IN FORMAN REPORT; UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IS RECORDED

Increased fines and a greater trans-
action of business over the preceding
year, are indicated in the annual fiscal
report of United States Attorney Phil-
lip Forman to Attorney General Wil-
liam D. Mitchell.

The report is unusual, inasmuch as
Mr. Forman, who is one of the young-
est district attorneys in the country,
was forced to carry on the work with
three less assistants than customary.

Some idea of the vast increase in
business may be obtained with the ag-
gregate amount of fines collected dur-
ing the two fiscal years. During the
fiscal year of 1928, the total fines col-
lected amounted to \$43,091.10, while
during the fiscal year for 1929, ending
June 30, the aggregate amount was
\$115,031, an increase of more than
\$71,000.

Curiously enough, of the total
amount of fines imposed, \$89,555 con-
stituted penalties for violation of the
National Prohibition Act.

During 1929 the number of criminal
prosecutions terminated was 1,051 as
compared to 628 cases for the fiscal
year of 1928, and the number of crimi-
nal prosecutions commenced was 1,041
as compared with 762 for 1928.

In 1929 Mr. Forman's office obtained
797 convictions, an increase of 359 over
the total number for 1928. On the
other hand, only 13 acquittals were re-
turned in 1929 as compared with 18
during 1928.

The number of criminal prosecutions
pending at the close of June 30, 1929,
was 1,029, which is ten less than the
number for the same time in 1928.

The civil side of the office also shows
a corresponding increase over the 1928
business, ending June 30. Here, too,
the increase of judgments in favor of
the United States was very high, the
total of \$149,797.71 being the aggregate
amount, as compared with a total of
\$42,761.91 for 1928. The office actually
collected \$66,617.76 of the 1929 amount.

The number of civil cases commenced
during the fiscal year was 1155 as com-
pared with 751 for a corresponding
period in 1928, and the number of civil
cases terminated in 1929 was 1,054 as
compared with 651 in 1928.

A total of 702 judgments were re-
turned in favor of the United States
as compared with 468 for 1928. The
amounts realized from old judgments
in 1929 was \$15,353.56 as compared with
\$19,612.09.

A great increase is noted in the
amounts collected by the United States
Attorney on demand where no actual
civil suit was instituted. In 1929 that
sum was \$9,268.36, while in 1928 only
\$341.85 was collected.

The number of civil cases ending at

the close of the fiscal year was 1,445
while in 1928 the total was 1,344.

The increase in the business was ac-
complished in the face of a replace-
ment of three assistant United States
Attorneys who resigned from office to
take legal positions in the State ser-
vice. No additional assistants were
appointed. The work of the office is
being conducted with the aid of the
following assistants:

Thomas V. Arrowsmith, Fred Herri-
gel, Jr., Anthony Giuliano, Douglas M.
Hicks, Oliver Randolph, Isador S.
Worth, John Grimshaw, Jr., and Dou-
glas V. Aitken.

In the number of cases pending in
the civil side, 919 embrace liquor vio-
lators, the majority being padlock suits.
Of the later number, 105 were insti-
tuted by the Prosecutor of Hudson
County in the name of the United
States, a procedure authorized by the
National Prohibition Act.

The number of criminal prosecutions
pending in the office at the close of
1929 fiscal year is sub-divided as fol-
lows: Customs, 32; Internal Revenue,
13; Postal, 75; Regulation of Commerce
94; Public Health and Safety (Prohi-
bition), 696; Banking and Finance, 67;
liability and insurance, 6; foreign re-
lations, 6; public lands, 4; not speci-
fically classified, 26.

Clears Lawyer After Rebuke Judge Fake Satisfied About Representations in Liquor Case

Michael H. Feldman, an Elizabeth
lawyer, won exoneration before Fed-
eral Judge Fake this afternoon, shortly
after the court had reprimanded the
attorney for an alleged misrepresenta-
tion of fact. Feldman brought proof
to the court to show that he was right
in claiming his client was bartender of
a raided saloon and not the proprietor,
as the court had been led to believe.

Feldman's client was Walter Long of
230 Union street, Elizabeth. Upon his
plea of guilty to a charge of illegal
possession of liquor, Feldman told the
court Long was only the bartender.
Judge Fake, in questioning the de-
fendant, brought out a statement from
Long that he had an option to pur-
chase the building housing the cafe.

Angered by the apparent deception,
Judge Fake read the attorney a stern
lecture and fined Long a maximum
penalty of \$500.

A short time later Feldman returned
to the court with a man who said he
was Fred Kennedy, owner of the saloon
in question. Kennedy told the court
that he paid Long a small weekly wage
as his bartender, whereupon Judge
Fake exonerated Feldman. The fine
was not changed.

Fined in Bank Fraud.

Clemente DeMacchi of Leonia, a
music director and officer of the Mu-
sic Lovers Association of New York,
was fined \$2,000 on a charge of con-
spiring to defraud the First National
Bank of Leonia of \$17,000.

He and Howard G. Forrester, former
cashier of the bank, now known as
the Leonia National Bank & Trust Co.,
were found guilty of the charge. For-
rester has served two years in Atlanta.
It was charged DeMacchi had over-
drawn his account \$17,000 through
Forrester's assistance.

Eugene Kimbrough, colored, of 25
Mercer street, Carteret, was sent to the
Atlanta Penitentiary for five years on
his plea of guilty to a charge of pos-
sessing cocaine.

Raymond Handley of 115 Hudson
street, Hoboken, was sent to Atlanta
for a year and a day for violation of
the Dyer act.

Harry Sirkin and Fred Voronick, op-
erators of the Up-to-Date Cloak & Suit
Co. of 124 Springfield avenue, were
fined \$200 each and placed on six
months' probation. They pleaded guilty
to issuing false financial statements.

FORMER SENATOR LIKELY AS JUDGE

Avis Believed to Have Best
Chance for Winning
Appointment

Former State Senator John Boyd
Avis, of Gloucester County, is being
boomed for appointment to the bench
of the United States District Court in
New Jersey. Reports from Washington
indicate that his candidacy has con-
siderable support. A vacancy exists by
reason of the elevation some months
ago of Judge Joseph L. Bodine to the
New Jersey Supreme Court.

Assembly Majority Leader William B.
Knight, of Camden, has been mention-
ed for the place since it first became
vacant, but his own doubts as to
whether he would be named were evi-
denced when he entered the June pri-
mary for renomination to the Legisla-
ture.

The name of former Senator Avis will
be submitted to the Department of
Justice, it is said, probably within a
few days. Senator Frank B. Davis, of
Gloucester, will go to Washington this
week in the interests of Avis.

Party leaders in South Jersey are
said to be strongly in back of the ex-
Senator, who is prominent as a lawyer
in that section. He was elected to
the Assembly in 1904 and 1905 and was
later named to the Senate.