

# FEDERAL COURT JAM EASED BY TUTTLE

With 9,554 Cases Concluded in  
a Year, He Predicts a Clear  
Calendar in Five Months.

## LISTS MAJOR CONVICTIONS

Also Reports \$1,700,000 Collected  
by His Office During Fiscal  
Period Ended June 30.

United States Attorney Charles H. Tuttle issued a summary of the annual report of his office yesterday, in which he set forth its record for the fiscal year ended June 30. The summary notes especially the expeditious handling of business, whereby old cases were handled almost as rapidly as new cases were started. Mr. Tuttle predicted that with the new judges sitting in the Fall term, and the vacancy caused by Judge Winslow's resignation filled the calendars will be brought up to date in four or five more months.

The summary said that a total of \$1,700,000 was collected by the office during the year in all proceedings, both civil and criminal. This sum, it was noted, is nearly six times the cost to the Federal Government of maintaining the United States Attorney's office here.

The summary of cases handled showed 1,385 civil suits commenced, and 1,352 ended; 8,374 criminal actions commenced, and 8,202 ended. Of the criminal cases 7,701 of those ended were in prohibition cases. These included 1,107 dismissals, eight acquittals, and the rest either convictions or pleas of guilty. The total number of acquittals, 21, was a reduction of nearly one-half from the preceding year. Seventy-eight out of eighty-one appeals to the Circuit Court were decided in favor of the government.

The sum of \$1,421,517 collected by the civil division was nearly three times the amount of the previous year, which was \$547,793. Prohibition fines totaled \$278,733 as against \$211,437 the preceding year. Judgments and collections for civil liabilities in prohibition cases totaled \$130,355.

The summary contained a long list of "notable" convictions obtained during the year. They included the Albany Baseball Pool case, George Graham Rice and the Wall Street Iconoclast, the Locke Brothers and the Cameron-Michel Co., H. Ely Goldsmith, the Star Furniture Co., Percy J. Fuller, the McLaren Brothers, Louis Taback and several others.

In addition to the regular work of the office two matters of an unusual character were noted in the report. One was the bankruptcy investigation resulting in "the indictment and imprisonment of a large number of attorneys and other persons, in the disbarment of many lawyers, and in the resignation of a Federal judge." The other was the investigation into the sinking of the Vestris, which Mr. Tuttle instituted.

The summary also listed a number of decisions favorable to the government in the administration of the income tax law. Among them were the taxability of a revocable trust, the status of tax free covenant bonds and the method of measuring the capital stock tax.

# Weighs Probe Of Pollution

News 8/16/29  
Forman Considers Having  
U. S. Jury Make Passaic  
Inquiry Wednesday

Possibility of the Federal grand jury investigating pollution of the Passaic River while on its inspection of New York Harbor waters Wednesday is being considered by United States District Attorney Phillip Forman.

Mr. Forman replied yesterday to a letter from Representative Fred A. Hartley Jr. of Kearny asking federal action on the pollution. The question of jurisdiction is involved, as most of the river and its feeders are within the state.

Mr. Forman told Representative Hartley it would be impossible for the jury to take up everything at this time. If the Federal government is found to have jurisdiction it is considered likely a survey of the river will be made.

**Will Make Harbor Tour.**  
The April term of the jury will make an inspection of New York Harbor waters over which New Jersey has jurisdiction. The trip will be made from Port of Newark in a government vessel through the Kill vanKull and along the Jersey shore.

In addition to investigating refuse the jurors will watch for sunken hulls and such obstructions to navigation.

A resolution requesting the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to resort immediately to legal steps for enforcement of its regulations against pollution was passed last night at a special meeting of the Tantaqua Club, central Democratic organization of Kearny. The resolution was proposed by Harry C. Helmlinger, chairman of the civic betterment committee and Democratic nominee for Mayor of Kearny.

Prosecution of those responsible for pollution, including their arrest, if necessary, is advocated in the resolution. Another measure passed also offered by Mr. Helmlinger, calls upon the Passaic River Protective Association to arouse public sentiment against pollution.

# Jurors Probing Shore Pollution

News 8/21/29  
Federal Inquest Tours Har-  
bor to View Extent of  
Garbage Dumping

The Federal Grand Jury left on a government cutter this afternoon for a tour of inspection of the Port of Newark and New York harbor in an effort to obtain first-hand information regarding the extent of pollution as a result of the dumping of garbage and debris, particularly by New York City.

Federal Judge Fake, United States District Attorney Forman and several of his assistants accompanied the jury members. Before the trip they were guests of Mr. Forman at luncheon at the Newark Athletic Club.

Arrangements for the trip were made by Captain Anderson, supervisor of the New York harbor.

The jury, which has been meeting in recent months, has been greatly exercised over the water pollution along the New Jersey shore. The dumping of waste and abandonment of wrecked hulls which endanger shipping have added to the seriousness of the situation.

An important presentment is expected at the final jury session and it is thought likely a pronouncement will be made on the pollution situation.