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JUDGE DAVIS PAYS TRIBUTE TO RUNYON

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PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9 (AP).—A warm eulogy of Judge William M. Runyon, of the U. S. District Court of New Jersey, as "one of the most popular judges the U. S. District Court of New Jersey ever had," was delivered today from the bench by Judge J. Warren Davis, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Runyon died today in Plainfield, N. J.

The members of the Circuit Court, Judges Buffington, Woolley and Davis, cut short today's calendar in order to place on the record of that tribunal a tribute to tl memory of Runyon, who frequently substituted for the members of the Circuit Court in appeal hearings.

POSTMASTER IS HELD ON EMBEZZLING COUNT

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CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 10 (AP).—L. H. Greenwood, postmaster in Elmer, N. J., was held in $1,000 bail by United States Commissioner Wynn Armstrong here today on a charge of embezzling $1,454 in postal funds. Greenwood waived a hearing and entered bail.

The postmaster was arrested last night in Elmer on a warrant issued by the United States District Court at Trenton, and was taken to the Camden County jail. He had served as postmaster since 1927. His brother, Robert Greenwood, is now acting postmaster in Elmer.

Old Age Is Question of Opinion, Judge Bourquin Remarks, Sending 78-year-old Offender Into Jail

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Old age is just a matter of opinion, according to Federal Judge George Bourquin, who today quoted ancient philosophers to this effect in imposing a jail sentence on a 78-year-old defendant for a dry law violation.

The Montana nemesis of wet New Jersey is himself 68 years old, and he was unimpressed by a plea for leniency for Jean Richard, 78, proprietor of a restaurant at Coytesville.

"A man of 78 ought to know better than to violate the law for money," said the judge. "I think a little rest will do him good.

"Cicero said: 'No man is old unless he's 20 years older than I am.' This man is not that old. Two thousand years ago it was Cato who said: 'The criminal law is a net that holds only the little fish, but the big fish all break through.' In the interest of society and for the benefit of those who might be inclined to imitate this defendant, I am constrained to impose the usual penalty—30 days in the custody of the attorney general and $150 fine."

The judge sent out a bench warrant for the arrest of Richard's waiter, Bert Fernand, who was scheduled to appear in court today but instead sent a telegram to Frederic M. P. Pearse, Richard's counsel, in which he said: "Sorry, but changed my mind. Sailing tonight. Wish you best of luck."

Woman Is Fined

Florence Myers, of Haddonfield pleaded guilty to charges of possessing liquor and maintaining a nuisance. The judge fined her $30 after she testified that she had been in the "business" for about a year.

"After a year in the business, you shouldn't have any trouble in paying a fine," the court remarked to the woman. She admitted that she had the money with her.

With the court calendar cleared for the first time in many months, the Montana judge adjourned court for the day before noon and ordered the jury to return Thursday.

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Death Ends Career

Judge William N. Runyon

FEDERAL JUDGE, LONG ILL, DIES AT PLAINFIELD

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Former Politics

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Nov. 9 (AP).—Judge William Nelson Runyon, one-time acting Republican Governor of New Jersey, and widely known in political circles, died at his home today. He was 60 years old.

Judge Runyon had suffered from asthma since he was 18 years old. In later years dropsy and heart trouble impaired his physical fitness. His condition declined sharply three years ago and during recent months he was unable to sleep in a bed, but rested in a chair. He was near death several months ago, but rallied.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Judge Runyon is survived by his widow, who was Miss Florence M. MacDonald, of Elizabeth, and five children—Paul A. Runyon, 19, an adopted son; Jane Trow Runyon, 17; William N. Runyon, 15; James N. Runyon, 12, also adopted, and Florence, 5. Another son, Frederic Walter, is dead.

The two adopted sons, Paul and James, were taken from the State Board of Children's Guardians at Trenton. Mrs. Runyon tells the story of the adoption of Paul, the older of the boys, a tale revelatory of the judge's love of children.

Mrs. Runyon had gone to Trenton and picked out James, then a baby. She heard another boy say: "Oh, nobody wants an older boy. They only want babies." Paul was only 7, but Mrs. Runyon knew he was voicing the most touching of all truthful criticisms of orphanages. She went home and told her husband.

"If you want him, too, you may take him," she was told, and she needed no further encouragement.

Judge Runyon was prominent in fraternal organizations. He was the first exalted ruler of the Plainfield Lodge of Elks when it was organized in 1903 and served three terms in office. He was also past chancellor commander of Perseverance Lodge [illegible] Knights of Pythias.

SEE TWO NEW U. S. JUDGES HERE

Lawyers Cite Growing Demands—Forman Mentioned for Position

Creation of two new judgeships in the United States District Court in New Jersey has been brought under discussion in legal circles by the death of Federal Judge Runyon.

Judge Runyon, senior member of the New Jersey district bench, died yesterday. His position, created by special act of Congress shortly after enactment of the prohibition laws, passed out of existence with his death.

Noting the congestion of the Federal calendar during the past eighteen months, members of the legal profession in the State express the opinion not only Judge Runyon's position should be recreated but an additional judgeship should be provided as well. At present there are three permanent judges.

Speculation on a successor has brought forward the name of Philip Forman, United States District Attorney. Forman was appointed in 1928 after serving five years as an assistant.

Justice Bodine of the New Jersey Supreme Court, former Judge Lynch of Paterson, and Judge Davis of the Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, all served as District Attorney before elevation to the bench.

Names of other members of the legal profession figuring in the speculation included William B. Knight, of Camden, formerly speaker of the Assembly and proposed for the position in 1922 when Judge Runyon was appointed. Knight lacked support of the Republican organization, however. Senator Albert R. McAllister, of Bridgeton, in line as the next majority leader of the State Senate until his defeat at the general elections, was mentioned, as was Judge Walter L. Hetfield, Jr., of Plainfield, member of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, and former Judge Robert Carey, of Jersey City, who opposed Governor Larson for the gubernatorial nomination.

The position carries a salary of $10,000 a year and the term is for life.

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