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BUSINESS GROWING IN U. S. COURT HERE

Prohibition and Other Offenses Figure in District Attorney's Report

Phillip Forman, United States District Attorney, in his annual report, states the steady increase in Federal Court activity in New Jersey was maintained during the past fiscal year despite reduction of opportunity for trials to less than ten months.

Although working with the same small staff of four years ago and handicapped by the illness of a judge from April to the latter part of June the New Jersey District terminated 97 more civil cases in 1931 than in 1930 and 153 more criminal cases, the report stated. In all 2775 cases of both kinds were terminated.

During the fiscal year, 1,124 criminal prosecutions were commenced and 1,197 prosecutions terminated, leaving a balance of 822 cases pending on June 30, 1931. Of these, however, many include indictments of defendants who have never been apprehended and are fugitives from justice. There were 895 criminal cases pending on June 30, 1930. The convictions returned for 1931 total 767, while only 17 defendants were acquitted.

Since jail sentences have been imposed recently rather than fines, the revenue through the collection of fines has dropped off some $83,000 from 1930 the report shows. During the past year the fines totaled $96,471.

On the civil side the report shows that although the 1,095 judgments returned in favor of the United States were somewhat below the number returned in 1930, the aggregate judgments obtained in favor of the Government amounted to $1,171,512.97 or $990,243.98 more than the total of 1930. Of the 1931 judgments, one suit on behalf of the Alien Property Custodian involved a judgment of $1,018,225.50. In addition, $41,801.97 was realized from the collection of old judgments, and the district likewise succeeded in collecting $8,997.25 without actually instituting suits therefor.

The bulk of the 822 cases pending on June 30, last, were for violation of the National Prohibition Act. They were 551 in number. Other cases involve infractions of the laws concerning customs, internal revenue, interstate commerce, post offices, white slavery, banking, narcotics, income tax frauds and numerous Federal regulations.

Following are statistics on civil and criminal cases compiled by District Attorney Forman covering the last four years.

Number of civil cases pending at the close of June 30—1928, 1,344; 1929, 1,445; 1930, 1,142; 1931, 1,120.

Number of civil cases commenced during the fiscal year ending June 30—1928, 751; 1929, 1,155; 1930, 1,182; 1931, 1,556.

Number of civil cases terminated—1928, 651; 1929, 1,054; 1930, 1,485; 1931, 1,578.

Aggregate amount of judgments obtained in favor of the United States—1928, $42,761.91; 1929, $149,797.71; 1930, $181,268.30; 1931, $1,171,512.28.

Amounts realized on old judgments—1928, $19,612.09; 1929, $15,353.56; 1930, $35,971.19; 1931, $41,801.97.

Amounts collected by the United States Attorney on demand where no civil suit was instituted—1928,

intensive campaign against gang

OPPONENTS STUDY PENNINGTON SHIFT

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Dry Leader Wanted Out of District by Politicians.

Strong political forces were reported today to be thinking overtime on ways and means of having Commander John D. Pennington, prohibition administrator of the district, "promoted" or in some way shifted from his endeavors in the wet States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In New Jersey, according to rumor, Commander Pennington is not so well liked by the Republican chiefs because, through his intense zeal at enforcement, he has antagonized the brewery and big liquor interests who usually make fat contributions to the campaign chest.

As the gubernatorial campaign picks up in this State Republican leaders are said to be no little annoyed at the yawning emptiness of that part of the war chest usually devoted to wet money. Something must be done about it, the gossip goes, and that something means that Pennington must be removed from the scene before it is too late.

Davis Directing, Rumor

The effort in Pennsylvania against the administrator is said to be directed by Senator James W. Davis despite heartfelt assurances from the senator that he is not out "to get" anyone. Davis today explained his recent researches into the histories of those government employes who also draw government pensions for work in some other branch of the service by saying he wanted to be informed in the event the question over came up in Congress. Pennington is drawing a disability pension from the Navy Department.

The talk in Pennsylvania was that Davis has no deep affection for Pennington, for the latter failed to listen to the senator in making prohibition agent appointments.

Antagonizes Wets

Pennington's strong effort to dry up New Jersey has not resulted in any appreciable cutting off of the source of supply, according to observers, but it has antagonized the big wet interests who have been spending money fighting in courts to keep their breweries open and have been losing liquor and beer trucks in wholesale quantities.

Another factor which has alienated the wet contributors is the sending of visiting federal district court judges of pronounced dry sympathies to this State to aid the judges here. These visiting judges have imposed comparatively severe sentences on liquor runners.

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Trustees Oppose Art School Change

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little advantage in a change of this sort and who feel also that the sale of the present Art School would be an indication of the city's ingratitude to a benefactor.

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Pennington Stumbling Block And G. O. P. Needs Funds

Why Not a Separate Dry Chief for Jersey? Ask Some of Leading Minds, Then the Liquor Boys Would Kick in with Campaign Dough

Contributions by brewers and others engaged in the dispensing of intoxicating beverages, which usually swell the Republican campaign fund, are lacking this year and the party leaders are concerned. They are trying to find ways and means to bring back those who have been alienated.

This is the report which is current in wet and dry circles in Newark. With the report goes a solution which the leaders are said to be considering.

For years New Jersey has had the reputation of having prohibition administrators from whom a favor could be obtained if the "right" persons were seen. But with Commander John D. Pennington, nothing can be done. He has refused to grant the usual favors which are used to persuade those in the liquor business that it pays to contribute to campaign funds.

Of course New Jersey has not suddenly gone dry under Commander Pennington. There is still plenty of beer and hard liquor about the state but more obstacles are being put in the way of operation as well as in the way of those who are caught.

Trucks which formerly rolled fairly freely along the highways have been stopped and their contents confiscated. Attempts have been made to close the large breweries and expensive litigation has been needed to keep the government from taking and destroying the machinery.

Ah! The Solution.

What is the solution? Very easy, the leaders thought. Get rid of Pennington. Somehow that wasn't very easy to do. But, the report goes, they have thought up a way of doing it and yet not doing it. Getting rid of him so far as New Jersey was concerned and letting him stay in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Thus the best minds:

"The sovereign state of New Jersey shouldn't in any way be dominated by Pennsylvania. Why must the headquarters for prohibition enforcement in New Jersey be placed in Pennsylvania? This state should have its own administrator.

"New Jersey is entitled to it and New Jersey Republican leaders are entitled to name the administrator. Get an administrator for New Jersey who is friendly and everything will be all right again."

Brewery operators and the higher-ups in the liquor distributing business blame the Hoover administration for Pennington. In withholding campaign funds from David Baird Jr., Republican candidate for Governor, these formerly generous contributors are making a protest against the national administration.

They realize there is no real choice between Baird and A. Harry Moore, Democratic candidate, on prohibition, but they want to do everything possible show they favor election of a wet sident next year, be he Democrat Republican. Politicians are disbed that the same reasoning may he liquor and brewery interests to r Moore instead of Baird.

g the year several judges from outside the district have come here to try cases and where bootleggers have been found guilty have imposed severe jail sentences. This did not loosen the pocket books of the liquor boys nor attract Republican votes.

The cure for this, the minds say, is an administrator who would not be too insistent on having those arrested for liquor violations prosecuted vigorously.

Speed Needed.

Several conferences have been held and efforts are beings made in Washington to have the plan put into effect, the report has it. Speed is the necessary thing; it must go through this month or it will be too late for the Gubernatorial campaign.

There is no doubt that Commander Pennington has not been friendly with many politicians in his own state of Pennsylvania. When he was stationed in Pittsburgh prior to taking charge of the district including New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, he was disliked because he wouldn't play ball.

Senator Davis of Pennsylvania, yesterday denied reports he is trying to "get" the commander. Davis said that he was collecting data about employees of the prohibition department, who were drawing pensions for military service in the event the question came up again in Congress.

Commander Pennington and many of his chief assistants have served in the Navy and are drawing pensions from the government.

Reports Current Separate Desired to Aid Campaign Funds

Reports that political pressure would be brought to obtain a separate Prohibition administrator for New Jersey, because of Commander John D. Pennington's unwillingness to do favors for politicians, last night brought from Commander Pennington a statement that he intended to continue his war against liquor offenders relentlessly.

The action is contemplated, according to information in political circles, because the bootleg elements this year are not making the customary contributions to the Republican war chest, not having received the desired protection from politicians.

The plan, it is said, is to try to have New Jersey a separate enforcement district again, with its own administrator. The State is at present linked up with Pennsylvania and Delaware, with Pennington as administrator.

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who opposes the public school system absorbing the Art School. His opposition is largely grounded upon the fact that the School of Industrial Arts and the public schools provide widely differing types of industrial education. He, too, disapproves of the suggested change because the handsome home of the Art School was a gift to the city and was intended as a permanent memorial.

Mr. Mueller's position is upheld by most of the other trustees, who see

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County to Ask In Constructin As Outstandi

Construction of two miles of highway as part of the outer loop around Trenton connecting Princeton and Washington Crossing is being contemplated by the Mercer Board of Freeholders.

Negotiations are now in progress