

# Newarkers to Jail On Liquor Charges

## Among Offenders Sentenced in Federal Court—Atlanta for Plainfield Man

TRENTON (AP)—Clifford Terry of Plainfield was sentenced to two years at hard labor in the Atlanta Penitentiary by Judge William Clark in the United States District Court yesterday after he pleaded guilty to an indictment which charged embezzlement of bank funds.

In addition, penalties were imposed upon twenty-five defendants for violations of the national prohibition and narcotic laws.

Sebastian Costronovo, Trenton, was sentenced to twenty days in jail on a plea of guilty to possession of liquor. Sentences of thirty days each for similar charges were imposed upon Patrick Carney, Elizabeth; Anthony Egidi and Anthony McNulty, Camden; Giocomo Muratori, Union City; John Posser, North Bergen; Hector Fluett, Jersey City; Frank J. Leary, Peapack; Walter Perry, Newark, and Samuel H. Gray, Riverside.

A ninety-day sentence was imposed upon Harry Gray of Newark, who was charged with the operation of two saloons in Mulberry street. Jack Smith of Jersey City, who recently made application for a place on the Jersey City police force, was sentenced to twenty days for possession of liquor.

H. Franklin Douglas of Hillside, told the court he had several small children and would lose his job if sentenced to a long jail term. Judge Clark sentenced him to ten days for possession of intoxicating liquor. Frank Vitolo of Newark was sentenced to five days for possession of liquor.

A fine of \$500 was imposed upon Alex Kovalik, Yardville, for possession of liquor and utensils for use in the manufacture of liquor.

Jacob Bernstein of Trenton, charged with possession of drugs, pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for five years. A six months' sentence was imposed upon August Bruckmeyer, Jersey City, for alleged possession and sale of narcotics.

Seven Chinese of Newark were sentenced to thirty days each on charges of possessing narcotics.

## MABEL TO REFORM FEDERAL PRISONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23 (AP).—With the first reactions to President Hoover's law enforcement plea at New York coming by hundreds of telegrams from his radio audience, the first step was taken by the government today toward the reform of federal penal procedure and administration.

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general, announced reorganization of the prison system would be undertaken by a prominent penologist, Sanford Bates, state commissioner of correction in Massachusetts, who has been appointed to succeed Albert H. Conner as federal superintendent of prisons June 1.

Mrs. Willebrandt's use of spies among inmates of prisons has long been under fire in the Senate, and was one of the factors in the recent resignation of Warden John W. Snooks at Atlanta.

"The appointment of Bates," said the official announcement, "is a culmination of many years of effort on the part of Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt to make this division one of the major scientific branches of the government."