JUDGE BOURQUIN RAILROADS CASES

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Federal Jurist Quickly Disposes of Hundred Defendants—Some Trentonians

Judge Bourquin moved with machine-like precision today in disposing of the largest number of cases ever to be heard in one day in the United States District Court.

More than 100 cases, the majority by far being liquor law violations, came up for attention and were handled by Judge Bourquin by noon.

"Proceed, proceed," he said briskly as officials dashed here and there in their efforts to keep up with the swift pace of the Court.

The courtroom was so crowded that some of the witnesses and defendants were forced to stand on the window ledges. A score of prohibition agents parked on the stairs leading to the fourth floor and awaited their calls.

One Trentonian was fined, another pleaded guilty and will be sentenced later, a third pleaded not guilty, and six failed to appear. Bench warrants were issued for the latter.

Five of the eight men, who were found guilty by Judge Bourquin yesterday in an opinion in which he stated America was the most criminal country on earth, were fined and sentenced to serve terms in jail. The others will appear later for sentence.

Frederic M. P. Pearse and George Sommer, counsel for the men, immediately asked for a stay of sentence in order to appeal the case to a higher court. Judge Bourquin granted the request.

The defendants, charged with beer-running on Jersey highways, were sentenced as follows: William Clarkson, Elizabeth, four months in jail and $400 fine; Otto Grunwald, Elizabeth, 100 days in jail and $300 fine; Edward Moore, Elizabeth, four months and $400 fine; Frank Burkis, Perth Amboy, four months and $400 fine; John Strogan, Perth Amboy, three months and $300 fine.

Morris Gordon, of Atlantic City, charged with concealing smuggled liquor, who was found guilty in another opinion handed down yesterday, was sentenced to serve four months in jail and to pay a fine of $400.

Alfred Monti, of 463 Whittaker Avenue, Trenton, was fined $125 on a charge of possession of liquor. He was represented by Joseph Felcone.

Michael Cammo, of 426 Elmer Street, pleaded guilty to liquor law violations, and will be sentenced later. John Notro, of 734 Roebling Avenue, Trenton, pleaded not guilty in the same case, and Anthony Scanella, of 437 Lamberton Street, failed to appear. A bench warrant was isued for him.

Bench warrants also were issued for Dominick DiMaco, 251 North Clinton Avenue; John DeRosse, 211 Hudson Street; Edward Mitchell, 17 Houghton Avenue; Michael Grucia, Allentown, and Dominick Panzetti, 111 Dickinson Street.

Hyman Kramer and Benjamin M. Kramer, of Philadelphia, charged with operating a "wild cat" brewery in Camden, were each sentenced to serve six months in jail and to pay a joint fine of $1,000.

At one point in the cases the Court became incensed when dry agents failed to appear.

"Where are those agents?" he demanded.

"They're up in the fourth floor," replied Agent Jacobus.

"Have you got them stowed away in filing cabinets?" demanded the Court. "Why are they being secluded?"

The dry agent could not explain.

Mrs. Ida Wrubel, of Elizabeth, was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail and to pay a fine of $100 for liquor law violations. The Court then suspended the jail term and placed her on probation for five years. Her husband, Louis, however, did not fare as well. He was sentenced to serve 30 days and to pay a fine of $150.

"You can use that sentence as a figurative club for your husband the next time he wants you to help out in this business," the court warned her.

The fines totaled more than $11,000.

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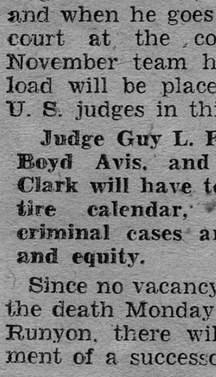
Judges Sent From Other Stat To Assist In Clearing Court Congestion

The New Jersey Federal Cou could well employ two addition judges, it was said in local leg circles yesterda



due to the crow ed docket and scarcity of ava able jurists fro other districts.

The crimin calendar alone, was felt, nee the attention two judges. T last term of t Grand Jury r sulted in the r turn on an ave age of 99 indic ments, a week, and a good many those indicted have not yet bee tried.

Phillip Forman

U. S. District Attorney Phillip Forman was mentioned prominently yesterday as a likely candidate for one of the additional Federal judgeships necessary according to local lawyers.

It was pointed out that in the past year there have been two visiting judges holding court here who came from Pennsylvania, and one each from Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia, and Montana.

BURDEN GROWS

Judge George Bourquin, now sitting at Trenton, is from Montana and when he goes back to his hom court at the completion of th November team here an additiona load will be placed on the regula U. S. judges in this district.

Judge Guy L. Fake, Judge John Boyd Avis, and Judge William Clark will have to handle the entire calendar, which includes criminal cases and cases in law and equity.

Since no vacancy was created wit the death Monday of Federal Judg Runyon, there will be no appoint ment of a successor.

NEED SPECIAL LAW

Special legislation by Congres will be required if the two nev judgeships here are to be created and that was thought improbable b court attaches.

A resolution offering condolence to the family of the late Judg Runyon will be drafted by a com mittee of Federal grand juror appointed yesterday at the second session of the group in the P Office building. Services for Ju Runyon will be held tomorrow noon from his home in Plain

Dairy Men Back

never emerged.

Mrs. Runyon and five sons and daughters were at the bedside when Dr William H. Anthony pronounced Judg

Court bench in this state President Harding in 1922 under a statute and not constitutional officer. His death therefore, does not create a vacancy and as far as is known, additional legislation will be necessary before a successor can appointed. At the time of his pointment the other judges Rellstab, Lynch and Bo- The present three are Clark, Fake and Avis. from other states have tting here during Judge s illness.

The children are Jane, William N. Jr., and Paul the latter two being rother, Carroll Runyon, o.

es will be held Thurs- 2 o'clock at the home. venson of Grace Epis- officiate. Burial will ambers.

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