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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, post offices, interstate commerce, banking, narcotics, white slavery, 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

were reported to the Health Department today, bringing the total number of cases in New York City since July 1 to 902. Of the new cases, fifty-two were reported in Brooklyn, ninety-two Manhattan, fifteen in Queens, nine The Bronx and four in Richmond.

ALBANY (AP)—New York State's Governor has answered personally the State Health Department's call for blood to be used in the preparation of serum to combat an outbreak of infantile paralysis.

An announcement by Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., state commissioner of health, yesterday revealed that Governor Roosevelt, who was stricken by infantile paralysis ten days ago, was given a pint of blood

Politicians Who Seek Jersey Dry District Defied by Pennington

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Calls State Haven for Gangsters Because of Law Enforcement Lack

PLEDGES RELENTLESS WAR

Reports Current Separate Control 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.

"As far as I am concerned," Pennington said last night in Philadelphia, "they can threaten or try to frighten me as much as they want. But while they are trying, we will go ahead with increasing effectiveness.

"We are closing and will close every brewery in the State of New Jersey operating illegally, regardless of their operators' political affiliations.

"New Jersey is and has been a haven for gangsters and racketeers because of the lack of enforcement of all laws in general."

Brums lead on first place to a game and a half.

Manager Al Mamaux selected Dolf Brennan for mound duty and Charlie Hargreaves was his battery mate. Billy Southworth, visiting pilot, countered with Buck Forrest, a right-hander, and sent Paul Florence behind the plate.

A change in the Newark lineup saw Hugh Willingham at third base

of roads that join the same towns, but they form a roundabout route.

The new bridge west of Pennington is the scene of a recent fatal accident, where a man standing atop a freight car was hurled to the ground because of the lowness of the span. In addition, two cars can pass upon the bridge only with difficulty, while the approaches on both sides make it impossible to observe traffic coming in the opposite direction.

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.

the public schools provide widely ... fering 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 with the State Highway Commission for financial assistance, while the cooperation of the Reading Railway is also being sought.

The section being considered for improvement this year would join the existing concrete highway which extends at present two and a half miles east from Washington Crossing. The proposed plan provides for continuing