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UNDER ATTACK

Governor Offers \$500 Reward For Each Arrest Of Wealthy.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson issued a proclamation Saturday offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any citizen of Texas for violating the liquor laws, who is worth in property or money as much as \$5,000. She said the funds at her command are limited "but I will use every cent available to continue this reward."

◆ ◆ ◆ Only Poor Convicted, She Says.

"The enforcement of the liquor laws in Texas has become the enforcement of the law against the poor and for the rich," the governor's proclamation reads. "If a big publisher in a North Texas city can dispense pints of liquor by the dozen and under the influence of liquor display himself in a public place just because he claims he has a million dollars and goes scot free, while the poor and unfortunate in the same city are daily sent to the penitentiary for having in their possession only a thin pint. If a prominent ex-official and another millionaire in a big South Texas city can buy all the liquor he wants and transport it to his residence in violation of the law just because he has a big newspaper and never be inquired into by any officer, much less indicted in the courts of our State, while scores of poor people are being sent to the penitentiary from the same city for making a little home brew; if a prominent District Judge in a Central Texas city can try bootleggers and send them to the penitentiary and at the same time drink bootleg liquor; if wealthy business men can fill their lockers full of liquor and boast in company about how much they have and the brand they have and not be molested, while the penitentiary is being filled with poor devils who have neither friends nor money who have been found guilty of having a pint on their hip or making a little liquor for home consumption, then indeed when all these things happen then justice becomes a mockery and the law becomes a staunch in the nostrils of all law abiding people."