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Wealthy Violators of Liquor Law Rile 'Ma'

Governor Offers Re- ward for Convic- tions; Hits At Newspaper Men.

Unnamed millionaires, ex-officials, a district judge and "a big publisher in a North Texas city" were flayed by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson in a proclamation issued Saturday, offering a \$500 reward for every conviction on liquor charges of a person worth \$5,000 or more.

The proclamation followed the line of a recent address by James E. Ferguson before the State Bar association, which asserted the wealthy go "scot free" for liquor violations.

Mrs. Ferguson's proclamation said her funds for the rewards were limited, but that she would use every cent available to continue the rewards.

If such rewards are paid out, they will come from the fund from which \$1,000 each was paid John W. Brady and Lon Curtis as attorneys for her attempted intervention into the highway suit against American Road company.

Ma's Proclamation.

Mrs. Ferguson's proclamation said:

"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 said. "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 stench in the nostrils of all law abiding people."