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SANITY NEEDED in PROHIBITION LAW

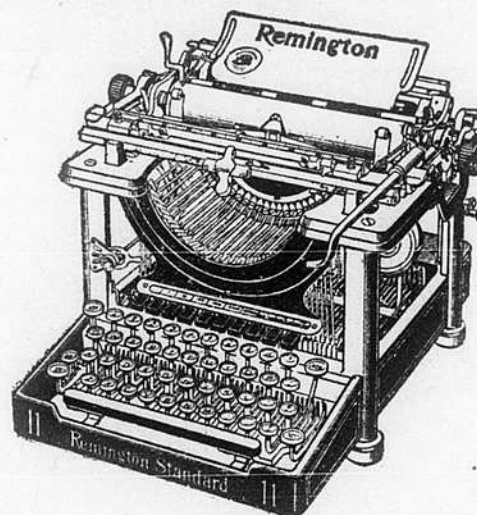
Warning that the entire prohibition situation may be thrown into "judicial intervention and review" unless saner methods are pursued in making the country "dry" was given by A. D. Van Buren in his resignation as chief counsel to the federal prohibition commissioner. He declared that enforcement was being rendered difficult by new restrictions and that the people are indignant at the extremes which have been resorted to in connection with the prohibition act.

The prohibition amendment was adopted by the people, he said, to prevent intoxicating liquors being used as beverages, but on the realization that the practice of medicine, pharmacy, chemistry and even religion have been affected there has been much resentment. Even some of the "driest of the drys" are protesting against further encroachment upon rights guaranteed in the pursuit of lawful occupations," he declared. "Respect for the prohibition law cannot be gained by further curtailment of personal liberties," he asserted.

On the other hand many public men are calling for still more rigorous enforcement of the law. They charge that the Volstead act is being largely turned into a joke and that the people as a result are developing disrespect for laws of all kinds.—*Pathfinder*, July 13th.

Magistrate (severely)—Horse whipping is the only suitable punishment for you and your kind. The idea of a man

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