

Asher Is Accused of 'Rough House' Tactics During Fatal Dry Raid

GOES ON TRIAL



JAMES L. ASHER.

**PROTOCOL HIT AS
EUROPEAN PLAN**

**Victim's Widow Says Federal
Agents Used Blackjacks
In Beating Mate.**

WAS KICKED IN STOMACH

**Erskine Is Identified As Man
Who Hit Saloon-
keeper.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 17 (AP)—Alleged "rough house" methods of three prohibition agents during a liquor raid which is declared to have resulted in the death of Peter Yancauskas, a saloon keeper, were described by the victim's widow in the Federal District Court today at the trial of James L. Asher, one of the agents, on a charge of murder in connection with the case.

Mrs. Yancauskas testified that blackjack were used on her husband that Asher, who is known as the "Lone Wolf," threw a bottle at him while he was struggling with the other prohibition agents and that she herself, was thrown out of the saloon and later knocked down by Asher.

Beating Causes Death.

The case was removed from the State Courts to the Federal Court because Asher is a Federal agent. The prosecution is being conducted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Asher is being defended by the Federal district attorney.

During the raid in April, 1923, Asher

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Peter Yancauskas(5a)

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