

## 'Lone Wolf' Kicked Man to Death Is the Charge

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.—James L. Asher, federal prohibition agent, to whom the name "Lone Wolf" was often applied in his solitary investigations of liquor violations in Washington and New York, was held here yesterday in \$5,000 bail at an inquest into the death of a saloonkeeper. Asher was first held for trial without bail by Coroner Knight but \$5,000 was later fixed as bond after arrangements had been made with the district attorney's office.

During a raid led by the "Lone Wolf" on a cider saloon August 27, 1922 a fight occurred. It was charged that Asher kicked Peter Yancauskas, the saloonkeeper, in the stomach and caused injuries from which the latter died June 11. Irving Jenkins, a witness at the inquest testified that the kick was administered by Asher while the saloonkeeper was lying on the floor.

Counsel for Asher attempted to show that the prohibition laws were being violated but Coroner Knight refused to allow this testimony.

David Erskine, a prohibition officer, testified that Yancauskas hit Asher twice with a bottle when he entered the saloon. Another agent, Francis Hertzig, said Asher had not kicked the saloonkeeper.

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