

"LONE WOLF"
Killed in "Trap,"
Baited With Poison, Is
Chicago Police View.
Ruthless Dry Officer
Stricken Suddenly.
Immediate Death Cause
Cerebral Hemorrhage.
J. L. Asher Acquitted
of Murder Charge
In Connection With Fatal
Raid in Philadelphia.
Agent Faced Indictments Re-
sulting From Tactics Em-
ployed in Clean-Up at
Peoria, Ill.

Special reporter to the Enquirer.
 Chicago, October 25.—James Leroy Asher, whose ruthless, often lawless conduct as a prohibition agent gained him the nickname, "Lone Wolf," and brought upon him much official condemnation, died suddenly here today at his apartment under circumstances which led police and fellow dry officers to believe that he had been poisoned by certain of his enemies among liquor violators.

Dr. Joseph Springer, Chief Cooper's physician made an examination tonight which, he said, showed that the immediate cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage.

Upon arising this morning Asher said he had a headache. His wife, Mrs. Mary, sought to alleviate the pain, but it grew worse.

"SHURE IN MY HEAD!"
 Finally Asher groaned "something has burst in my head. I don't feel any more."

Greatly alarmed, Mrs. Asher summoned the house physician, Dr. Charles C. King, who managed to keep the dry agent alive for a little more than an hour.

J. E. C. Yellowley, Illinois Prohibition administrator, arrived soon after the assistant died. He told Dr. Springer that many enemies had sworn to kill Asher and asked for a complete post-mortem examination, indicating he would search the city for Asher's slayer if he found him to be a murderer.

Asher's record as a prohibition agent was a record of opposition, brutality and destructiveness when leading raids had brought him murder charges of murder, larceny, assault and robbery.

WON WIFE ACCLAIM.
 At the same time he won recognition from Mr. Yellowley and other dry officials in Washington for his effectiveness as a raider and as "the discoverer man."

Many raids were announced by the strict in obtaining evidence against liquor law violators. In Washington, D. C. when he operated three years ago, he chose to concentrate in driving ranging from a driver of an ash cart to a gangster "Ketchum Colonel."

During his stay in the capital, one judge, hearing Asher's case, declared vehemently that he could believe no agent under such and dismissed the prosecution begun by Asher.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.
 Asher and several other agents arrested a "moonshine king" in Philadelphia a year ago and proceeded in their customary way to search for future and violently handle the owners. A quarrel ensued in which Asher shot and killed one of the "moonshiners." Asher was indicted on a murder charge, was tried and acquitted.

Peoria, Ill., was the last scene of Asher's operations. His conduct was condemned by Circuit Judge H. T. D. Green in a contempt. The judge charged to investigate Asher and his partner, Max Whiting, indicted them on charges of attack for larceny and robbery.

The indictments still are pending and the agents were to stand trial this week. The indictment with which Peoria's judge viewed the tactics of Asher's charge, when another agent, Joseph Wahl, went to that city and was beaten for a week. Asher and Whiting were to have armed guards accompany them to Peoria for trial.

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