

## BRIBERY IS ALLEGED IN THE ASHER TRIAL

### Witness for the Prosecution Said to Have Offered to Sell Out

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Taking of testimony in the trial of James L. Asher, prohibition agent, known as the "Lone Wolf," for second degree murder in connection with the death of Peter Yancauskas, a saloonkeeper, during a raid, ended to-day in United States District Court, after it had been alleged that one of the witnesses for the prosecution had offered to "sell out for \$1,000."

The same witness, Irwin Jenkins, testified last Friday that two prohibition agents had offered him \$300 to leave the jurisdiction. To-day William J. Calhoun, a member of the prohibition intelligence unit, stated that Jenkins had said he was not present during the struggle in which Yancauskas is alleged to have received fatal injuries, and that Jenkins expressed willingness to accept \$250 on account, after making the offer to leave the city for \$1,000.

Asher is charged with having kicked Yancauskas during a raid in the latter's saloon. Yancauskas died two months later of peritonitis, which the prosecution claims resulted from injuries inflicted by Asher. As an agent of the government, Asher is being defended by the Federal district attorney's office, while the Commonwealth is pressing the charge.

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