

CLAIM ROUGH-HOUSE BY FEDERAL AGENTS CAUSED MAN'S DEATH

Try Prohibition Agent After Saloon Man Dies from Their Beating

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—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 saloonkeeper, were described by the victim's wife in the federal district court today at the trial of James L. Asher, one of the agents, on a charge of second degree murder.

Mrs. Yancauskas testified that blackjacks 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. The commonwealth contends that the saloonkeeper died two months later from peritonitis which developed from the beating.

In addressing the jury, counsel for the state said that Yancauskas believed he was being attacked by robbers and that there was no justification for the alleged actions of the defendants.

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