

## WITNESS TELLS OF BRIBE OFFER

**Charges U. S. Agents Urged  
Him to Appear Against  
"Lone Wolf" Asher.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Testimony that two government agents had offered to pay him if he fled the jurisdiction, was given today by a prosecution witness in the trial of James L. Asher, prohibition agent, known as the "lone wolf," in the federal district court, charged with second degree murder. Asher is accused of having kicked Peter Yancauskas, a saloonkeeper, in the stomach during a raid, resulting in peritonitis which caused Yancauskas's death two months later.

The witness, who alleged that money had been offered him, was Irwin Jenkins, said to have been an eyewitness to the raid and the beating alleged to have been administered to the saloonkeeper by Asher. On cross-examination by Francis B. Biddle, special assistant federal district attorney, who is defending Asher, Jenkins said he was offered \$300 by an agent of the intelligence unit of the prohibition department to disappear, and refused it. He testified that he thought the government agent was "trying to frame me up to arrest me." The second offer was made five days later, he testified, by the same government agent, who was accompanied by another man.

The trial had been postponed five times because of the absence of Jenkins as a witness.

At the conclusion of the commonwealth's testimony, Federal Judge Dickinson refused a motion to take the case from the jury and order Asher's acquittal. The court stated that the questions raised by defense counsel that the testimony of the state's witnesses was too weak to sustain the charge of second degree murder, was for the jury and not the court to decide.

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