

**"LONE WOLFE" IS ACQUITTED
AFTER JURY DELIBERATES
FIVE HOURS.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—James L. Asher, prohibition agent, known as the "Lone Wolf," was acquitted by a jury in the federal district court tonight of charges of second degree murder and manslaughter in connection with the death of Peter Yancauskas, a saloonkeeper. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating about five hours.

Counsel for the state, which prosecuted the case, contended that Yancauskas died, in consequence of kicks in the stomach administered by Asher during a raid on his saloon in April, 1923. The saloonkeeper died about two months later from peritonitis, which the commonwealth alleged developed from the kicks.

Asher denied having used unnecessarily rough measures in arresting Yancauskas.

Criticising what he declared had been the federal policy of issuing "John Doe warrants by the wholesale," uudge Dickinson told the jury that his practice "savored much of the 'letters De Cachet' of France, which were responsible for the downfall of the Bastille." On the day of the Yancauskas raid, United States deputy marshals toured the city with sixty-one "Doe" warrants for the arrest of liquor dealers.

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