

DEATH COMES TO JAMES L. ASHER

**"Lone Wolf" Of Prohibition
Department Passes Away
At Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—James Leroy Asher, "lone wolf" of the prohibition department, government witness in thirty prohibition cases now pending and under indictment for larceny and assault, died yesterday of cerebral hemorrhage.

For a time the manner of Asher's death aroused the suspicion of his chief, E. C. Yellowley, prohibition administrator for Illinois, who believed Asher might have been poisoned by some of his countless enemies among the bootleggers. An investigation was under way when a postmortem established beyond doubt that death had resulted from natural causes.

Asher, as an enforcement officer, had a colorful and exciting career. Accused of murdering a saloonkeeper during a raid in Philadelphia, he was acquitted. Later, as a revenue agent in the Kentucky moonshiners hills he worked to break up the distribution of illicit liquor manufactured in that district.

Asher also was a familiar figure in Baltimore where he was the prosecution's chief witness in hundreds of cases. He headed many Baltimore raiding parties and in turn was assailed by mobs on numerous occasions.

His spectacular methods of raiding, his disguises and unique twists he gave to his activities, leading him, at Peoria, Ill., to open a saloon under the name of "Uncle Sam's place" brought him into continual prominence. His sobriquet "Lone Wolf" was won by the popular belief that he worked single handed and the name stuck even when it was established that he always had an assistant.

peter_yancauskas (33)

Clipped By:



al630

Sun, Aug 14, 2016