

# ASHER TO BE TARGET OF JURY PROBE

Peoria Judge Hits Dry Agent's Methods In Ordering Investigation.

OVERSTEPS BOUNDS, HE SAYS

'Lone Wolf' Formerly Lived In Louisville and Conducted Raids Here.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 15 (AP)—Sweeping investigation of the operations of "Lone Wolf" Asher, Federal dry agent who conducted wholesale liquor raids here six weeks ago, was ordered by Judge T. N. Green, of Peoria Circuit Court today in his charge to the September grand jury.

In his charge, which consisted mainly of an arraignment of the methods reported to have been used by Asher and his associates, Judge Green said:

"I specially charge the grand jury to fully inquire into the operations of these 'Lone Wolves' and 'hungry dogs' who have been poured upon you from that cesspool of iniquity, Washington, with shotgun and revolver, trampling the liberties and violating the rights of American citizens like an invading army.

"I specially charge the public prosecutor to inquire diligently into the operations of these agents.

"I want to know if irresponsible persons can come into this community this way and carry on as these men have done. I tell you that they have no more power than you and they are amenable to your authority, the same as any other offenders."

**Was Formerly Here.**  
J. L. Asher, "Lone Wolf" prohibition agent whose raids in various cities have brought him into the limelight, formerly resided on West Broadway. Asher conducted a number of sensational raids here and more than once had been threatened. Soon after leaving here he started work in Washington which resulted in startling disclosures there.

## PROBE TARGET



JAMES L. ASHER.

## COOLIDGE WANTS AIR PROBE OPEN

Utah Senator Says Investigation Is Gesture to Halt Congress.

Washington, Sept. 15 (AP)—A policy of open hearings in the impending aircraft investigation is favored by President Coolidge, who sees no reason why the work of his special board should not be conducted in public.

The President, who has decided to give the board a free hand in determining its procedure and summoning witnesses, feels that the public is entitled to full knowledge of its activities, except, perhaps, when it goes into confidential plans for national defense.

In taking this position the Executive is directly in line with the views of Acting Secretary Davis of the War Department, who believes such a course will offset the effects of numerous charges made against the Army Air Service and particularly those by Colonel William Mitchell, former assistant Army Air Chief, in diminishing public confidence in the air arm.

**Mitchell Hits Popular Chord.**  
Mr. Davis today expressed the opinion that many persons were prone to accept at face value the charges of "incompetency and inefficiency" made by Colonel Mitchell, and that for this reason he welcomed the investigation.

Secretary Wilbur also took occasion today to reiterate his endorsement of

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