

## **Prohibition Agent Asks To Be Tried in Federal Court on Murder Charge**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—James L. Asher, prohibition agent indicted on a charge of murder, today asked that the case be tried in the Federal District Court here instead of in the county courts. His counsel is United States District Attorney Coles.

Asher is alleged to have struck Peter Yancauskas, a saloonkeeper, during a raid at Tenth and Winter streets, April 17, causing his death. The agent said he struck to defend himself. If Asher's request is granted it will be the first time here when a United States district attorney has appeared as counsel for a man charged with a crime, and county officers appeared in the role of prosecutors in a Federal Court.

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