

# NEW DULUTH

## NICK YELICH ARSON TRIAL COMMENCED

### New Duluthian Indicted on a Charge of Setting House Afire Faces Jury.

Trial of Nick Yelich, indicted by the November grand jury on a charge of arson, was begun before a jury in Judge Dancer's division of district court yesterday. The state accuses Yelich of setting fire to his house at 1540 Ninety-seventh avenue West on Oct. 25. Yelich has set up an alibi as a defense.

Witnesses called on his behalf yesterday told of seeing him and his little daughter some distance from the house at the time the building is alleged to have been fired. Charles Pearson, fireman at New Duluth, testifying for the state, told of discovering rags soaked in coal oil near cans of combustible material in one of the rooms of the house. The state offered evidence that a policy of insurance had been taken on the furniture by the owner. The case probably will go to the jury this morning. Mason M. Forbes, first assistant county attorney, appears for the state. Yelich is being defended by Attorney T. J. McKeon.

At the conclusion of the Yelich case today a jury will be drawn to hear the case of the state against Harry Veras, charged with assault in the first degree. He is alleged to have shot Morris Danelko with a revolver on Oct. 7 at 529½ West Michigan street.