

Witness Mentions Influenza, Crowd Leaves Courtroom

Attorneys and Onlookers Beat Hasty Retreat; Sick Man Argues

Superior Judge E. P. Mogan's courtroom was cleared in record time yesterday when William Doyle, a stevedore, announced he had just got out of bed to appear in court and that he was suffering from influenza. One minute later Judge Mogan, Doyle and Mrs. Sarah Doyle, who is suing for divorce, were the only persons left in court.

Attorney Harry I. Stafford, appointed by Judge Mogan to look after Doyle's interests, left when Doyle explained his ailment. Attorney Walter J. Thompson was then appointed to represent Doyle, but Thompson went out of the room just behind Stafford.

Doyle became argumentative and Judge Mogan turned him over to the Sheriff, who placed him under the care of the Board of Health.

As a precaution against the spread of influenza, all the Superior Judges instructed their bailiffs to keep the courtrooms as clear as possible. Yesterday was law and motion day in all the courts and attorneys and clients were forced to remain in the halls until their cases were called.