

JUSTICE AGAIN BALKED

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FOR APPENDICITIS.

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The ends of justice again have been balked, at least for a time, in the case of John DuPree, the former real estate man and prominent Holland citizen who has been awaiting trial for seven months on a statutory charge. Du Pree's trial has been delayed from time to time on account of his physical condition, which was declared to be bad. Within the last few days he had been confined to his bed and suffered great pain. Last night his condition became alarming and a private ambulance was called and the patient removed to Butterworth hospital. The case was diagnosed as appendicitis and at midnight Dr. W. J. Du Bois operated.

Prosecutor Brown recently stated he was anxious to bring Du Pree to trial before he ascended the Circuit bench, to which he recently was appointed. Before going ahead with the operation Dr. Du Bois had a long conference with the prosecutor and Judge Stuart and received their sanction to his action. Du Pree has had three strokes of paralysis within the last few years and his vitality is very low at present. He rallied after the operation, however, and chances are in favor of his recovery.

Du Pree was arrested June 26 by Private Detective Frank Kennedy, who had trailed him to a rooming house, where he was found in company with Margaret Nujalla, fourteen years old. The girl later brought the charges against Du Pree. After some delay the examination of Du Pree was concluded in Police court Aug. 25 and he was bound over to Superior court for trial. Since then there have been continual delays. On account of the latest turn in affairs Prosecutor Brown probably will not be able to try Du Pree, who, if he recovers, will be laid up for several weeks.