

LARCENY SUSPECT IN FIRE CASE TO PRESENT ALIBI

HIBBING, April 26.—That George Sappen, now on trial in district court here charged with grand larceny was in his boarding house the night of Dec. 26 when he is alleged to have stolen articles of clothing from the Cohen and Stone clothing store in Stevenson, destroyed by fire last winter, will be the contention of the defense, M. H. Crocker, Sappen's attorney, told members of the jury this noon.

The state completed its case shortly before noon today. Identification of articles of apparel, including a mackinaw, sheepskin coat, several overcoats and shoes, all of which the state claims were found in the possession of the defendant, was offered by Ben Cohen and Ben Stone, proprietors of the store.

Art O'Dea and Robert Martin, deputy fire marshals, testified to finding articles of clothing in Sappen's trunk while investigating the fire.
