

TESTIFY AT DOPE TRIAL

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Dr. Ogden's Counsel Calls 28 Witnesses

A parade of 28 character witnesses went to the stand today in defense of the reputation of Dr. Frank N. Ogden, former Fire Department surgeon, as his narcotics trial neared its end in Criminal Court.

Only final arguments remain in the case, and these will be heard Tuesday at 7 P. M. by Judge Joseph L. Carter.

Most of the witnesses today were doctors, and all agreed that Dr. Ogden, who ministered to the Fire Department for 30 years, holds a high place in the medical profession.

HE IS ACCUSED of issuing narcotics in violation of the law and in bad faith. Five indictments have been brought against the sixty-one-year-old physician.

AMONG HIS character witnesses were Dr. Manfred S.

Guttmacher, medical advisor to the Supreme Bench; Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter, head of the State Welfare Department; the Rev. Don Frank Fenn; Dr. Myron S. Aisenberg; and William Hilgenberg, president of the Fire Board.

A long and technical defense of Dr. Ogden's actions in allegedly prescribing dolophine and morphine for dope addicts was provided by Dr. Laurence Kolb, a national authority on narcotics.

A group of 12 Baltimore physicians highlighted yesterday's session in testifying to their belief that Dr. Ogden had acted in good faith in selling narcotics to addicts, though some said he showed "bad judgment" in some instances.

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