

LOVER IS ACCQUITTED

Alois Eckstein, Tried For Murder of Mabel Bechtel, is Freed. STATE'S ATTORNEY BADLY BEFOGGED. Judge Trester Prevented the Accused Bechtel Family From Being Put on Trial on Account of Contention of the Prosecutor.

ALLEN TOWN, Pa., Jan. 14.—Alois Eckstein, one of the lovers of Mabel Bechtel, who was mysteriously murdered last October, was acquitted of complicity in the crime after a hearing in which the conduct of the prosecution severely tried the patience not only of Judge Trester, but also that of the jurymen and counsel for the defense. E. J. Lichtenwalner, the district attorney of Lehigh county, was so befogged that he was obliged to drop the case as carried to a conclusion.

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WAR NOW IMMINENT

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES

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WASHINGTON LETTER

Timely and Interesting Gossip Gleaned at National Capitol. THE SENATE SNUFF BOXES. How President Roosevelt Helped to Overhaul the Children-New and Old New Year's Customs-Other Capital Gossip.

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