

YOUNG ECKSTEIN IS ACQUITTED

One of the Lovers of Mabel Bechtel, Accused of Murder, Acquitted--The Commonwealth's Prosecution Sharply Rebuked.

(By Associated Press.) Allentown, Pa., Jan. 14.—Albion Eckstein, one of the lovers of Mabel Bechtel, who was so mysteriously murdered last October, was acquitted yesterday of complicity in the crime after a brief trial in which the conduct of the prosecution sorely tried the patience, not only of Judge Trexler, but also of the jurymen and counsel for the defense. E. J. L. Steinwaller, the district attorney of Lehigh county, was so befogged that it was with difficulty the case was carried to a conclusion. Several times the court interrupted and threatened to end the proceedings for the day unless the commonwealth condensed its case in a more orderly manner. At one time the district attorneys assistant in the case took charge, but he was rebuffed by the district attorney. The court endured the proceedings until after the jury had been instructed to render a verdict of acquittal, when Judge Trexler adjourned the court.

The district attorney wanted to go ahead with the trial of the accused members of the Bechtel family but the attorneys for the Bechtels protested emphatically. The district attorney, however, was insistent and ordered the names of the defendants called, but the judge interrupted by saying to the district attorney:

"Do you intend to conduct the prosecution yourself or will you rely on assistant counsel. If the latter, the trial will go on, otherwise this court will adjourn tomorrow morning."

The district attorney proposes to conduct this case himself," muttered the official.

"Then this court stands adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning," ordered the judge.

The opening address of Attorney Lutz, who is assisting the District Attorney was exceedingly brief, and did not give a strong indication that the commonwealth expected to fasten complicity in the murder on Eckstein.

Eight witnesses were examined. The only point brought out was that Eckstein and Mabel had quarreled and that Eckstein is alleged to have said to her: "You are trying to drive me to the grave, but you may get there before me."

This testimony was given by Miss Brobst, Mabel's sister, who said she overheard the remark about Easter last year. David Weisenberger refused to answer any questions put to him which referred to his relations with Mabel.

Senator Hale's Resolution.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 14.—In the Senate Mr. Hale offered a resolution as a result of the agreement between himself and Mr. Bacon, on looking to a settlement of the Panama question, which after reciting the session and recognition of Panama, and the pendency of the canal treaty in the Senate reads: "Resolved, that in any claim which the republic of Colombia in any form, may make against the Republic of Panama for indemnification or loss of territory or increased burden of the debt of said republic of Colombia, the President is requested to tender his best offices toward peaceable adjustment of all controversies that have arisen, or may arise, between said republic of Colombia and the republic of Panama."

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(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—The following statement of great importance to the people of the two countries, for example it defines the rights and privileges of the diplomatic officers and of American citizens and especially missionaries residing in China and insures the latter enjoyment of rights which they have only had in the past practically by toleration. The treaty also deals with trade marks, copyrights and patents ensuring them a fair degree of protection in China—a thing which they have had very little of in the past.

"Perhaps the provision of the treaty which interests most the public is the opening of new localities in Manchuria to foreign trade—the city of Mukden and the town of Antunk, on the Yalu river. It is to be noted in this connection that the Japanese-Chinese treaty, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Peking secures also to international trade the opening of the port of Tantung Kou, about thirteen miles below Antung and at the mouth of the Yalu. It is highly probable that the presence in these localities at an early date of American consular officers and those of other nationalities—for all the nations having treaties with China acquire by our treaty and that with Japan, the right to establish consulates at these places will greatly tend to the establishment of order in this much disturbed border land of China, and will powerfully contribute toward insuring the principles of the 'open door' to which this country stands irrevocably committed, as well as aiding in insuring the integrity of China and its administrative control over its Manchurian provinces."

WYNNIE ON THE STAND.

The First Assistant Postmaster-General Answers Inquiries.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 14.—Robert L. Wynne, First Assistant Postmaster General, was the central figure in the postal trial yesterday, and when court adjourned until Friday he was still on the stand. Mr. Wynne's testimony occupied most of the day, and he was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Charles Douglass, counsel for the defense, during which the opposing attorneys had tilts, necessitating a word of admonition from Justice Pritchard that they must conduct the case in peace. The First Assistant Postmaster General was pitted with questions designed to test his knowledge of the duties of his office. The witness frankly stated that he had often signed papers prepared in Machen's division without examining into their contents, because they came to him in official form, and because of the fact that he regarded Machen as one of the most expert men in the service, and relied on him as to the correctness of his acts. "Did you know that Mr. Machen knew his business?" Mr. Wynne was asked. "I knew that Mr. Machen knew what he was doing," was the reply. "Did he know that you knew your business?" Mr. Douglass next inquired. "He knows it now," was the quick retort, and the court crier was compelled to rap for order. Counsel read a letter signed by Mr. Wynne, and dated as late as January, 1903, addressed to the Groffs, offering 100 fasteners at 1.25 each, but Mr. Wynne said that an order for that number would probably not arrest his attention. John I. Howley, Mr. Wynne's chief clerk, occupied the stand for a brief time, the principal part of his testimony relating to the fact that he suggested to his superior officer the advisability of examining into the legality of Machen's initials and signature placed on letters and requisitions by Machen's subordinates.

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VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY. Col. Garland E. Webb Here. Col. Garland E. Webb, proprietor of the Southern Tobacco Journal, of Winston, is in the city. Col. Webb is chairman of the special tobacco committee appointed to get up a tobacco exhibit for the State at the St. Louis Exposition. He is also arranging to get up a special edition of his publication to be distributed at the Exposition at the same time. It will be in colors and illustrated, printed on hand-made superior quality paper. It will give a complete resume of the tobacco industry in the State, bringing out the fact that North Carolina is the most important tobacco producing and manufacturing State in the Union.

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Jan. 13.—The General Assembly organized today with John F. Ryan as speaker of the House and Lieut.-Gov. Willard presiding in the Senate. The Governor's message, which was transmitted to both houses, is brief but comprehensive. It is outspoken for pure elections, and a primary law which will include the nomination of United States Senators; it urges economy, pleads for an extension of the school term, recommends the establishment of an institution for the education of colored deaf, dumb, and blind children, and for a systematic construction and maintenance of the public highways. The Governor also recommends that the State make provisions for securing a complete roster of Virginia troops that served in the Confederate army.

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