

# GERMAN WAS ACQUITTED

## Accused and Complainant Clashed on Moving Day

Joseph Baume, a German, who was charged with having committed an assault on Mrs. Blackman, 2290 St. Lawrence street, was acquitted of the charge in the Police Court yesterday by Judge Lanctot. The evidence was to the effect that Baume had rented the house in which the woman resided, but when he went there on May 2nd she was not ready to admit him. When he attempted to force his way in Mrs. Blackman pushed him out and it was then that Baume struck her in the face and smashed her eye-glasses.

Mr. Bernard Rose, who appeared for the woman, said that Baume had no business to attempt to force his way into the house, that the proper course for him would have been to notify the landlord. Mr. Joseph Cohen, who appeared for Baume, held that he had a right to enter the house, as he had leased it from May 1st. Judge Lanctot said that had not Mrs. Blackman pushed Baume he would not have struck her. He came to the conclusion that both were at fault and dismissed the charge against the accused. Baume is in the hands of Captain Carter, Registrar of Alien Enemies, pending an investigation as to whether or not he should be interned.