

THAT ARMENIAN FRACAS

Huntchagian Element Caused the Arrest of Four of the Non-Militants Yesterday.

A Long and Bitter Controversy Likely to Result — That Worcester Speech Again.

As was thought likely, the arrest of some of the participants in the Sunday brawl between two parties of Armenians in a hall on Exchange place, is turning out to be merely the introduction to a series of vindictive lawsuits, which may result in the death, by sheer bewilderment, of the district court justices before the perplexing tangle is picked apart and the blame placed where it belongs.

Yesterday four of the non-militant faction, which is said to comprise the majority of the race in the city, were arrested on writs issued by George J. West at the instigation of the other element, the Huntchagians. The papers were served by Deputy Sheriff Rabbitt, who also had writs against several of the Huntchagians, issued by McGuinness & Doran. Deputy Rabbitt had a merry but difficult time nailing his men, and it was only by the help of interpreters that he was able to get the right persons. Owing to the difficulty of making Armenian names appear comfortable in English, it was not remarkable that some of them were written a little out of the accurate in respect to spelling.

As near as could be learned from a leader, the four peace-party Armenians taken into custody were Hakadow Pahligiau, Mausek Magsodian, Peter Johnson and Toras Johnson. The suits, however, read as follows: Hargtune Barganian vs. Sarkis Peterson, Arshag Bagasariou vs. Bagor Jagflau, Kagofau Dell Bagostrou vs. Toras Johnston, Hagop Guephagian vs. Moosig Moksoodlau and Marderos Simovonlau vs. Machadoor Kegmation. One or two names in the last enumeration may be a bit faulty in arrangement of the letters, but they are

right so far as sound goes, and besides individuals to answer them were found. One man who knew about the gathering clouds of litigation said that it was a question of some if the Armenians had the first idea of how their names were translated. A few could do the trick with fair success, but sometimes their productions in English are a little ragged. The court will have the pleasurable opportunity of finding out the mistakes when the batch of cases come before it.

It is said that Judge Cook and Associate Justice Sweetland purpose going into training under an Armenian tutelage in anticipation of what is in store.

Today it is stated that Koos Setrak was yesterday arrested on suits entered by Sarkis Peterson and Toras Johnston. Setrak is reported to be the man who flourished a sword during the melee in the hall. Setrak is seemingly a sort of lieutenant in the camp of the fiery Huntchagians. The other side thinks he is a very aggressive fellow. The two men who sued him claim he assaulted them. In fact, all the cases rest on allegations of assault.

An Armenian minister named Sargavakian, who holds forth to his fellow countrymen at the Beneficent church, has stated that the meetings under Armenian auspices on Exchange place are entirely political, and that religion is discussed in his assemblages at the church mentioned.

The statement needs qualifying, the body of the Armenians in the city claim. They construe the divine's remark as meaning that they all go either to his gatherings or to the political fighting ground. They say that his class numbers not over thirty-five. They are over 300 in number, and, instead of utilizing the Sabbath for the purpose of hearing political firebrands sputter and flame, they go to their large room in the Slater building at the corner of Washington and Eddy streets, and there engage in worship after the form of faith in vogue in the Greek church, to which they owe allegiance. Every other Sunday a priest comes from Worcester to administer to them. They hold that the Rev. Sargavakian should be more explicit in his public observations and not attempt to decry them. His object, they assert, is to impress on the Beneficent church parishioners a ponderous idea of his importance.

The speech in Worcester, in which the speaker at last Sunday's meeting was said to have indulged in lurid appeals to his listeners to uphold violence in France, contained reflections which were recited in print as follows:

"At a meeting of the Huntchagians party in Grange hall last night, Nishiau Garabediau compared anarchy and socialism. He analyzed Carnot's character and said Santo had a right to kill him. He expressed sorrow for Santo, and said he was justified in assassinating the president of the French republic. 'Europeans,' he said, 'are more afraid of socialism than anarchy, because the labor party is awakened now, and one day will turn down all the republican and conservative parties. That is why the Europeans don't help Armenians gain their liberty and want to keep them down.'"

More suits will be brought today or tomorrow.