

A LANGUAGE TEST. COULD NOT SWEAR IN ENGLISH

At the Water Police Court this morning William Lepama, 23, a Russian, was charged with having used indecent language in Clarence-street on Wednesday.

"Show him the language and ask him how he pleads," the Police Prosecutor said to a constable.

Lepama, however, could not read, and when the words were read over to him in a low voice he said he could not understand English.

Mr. Clarke, S.M.: I don't know how he could use indecent language in English when he can't speak English. Perhaps he swore in German.

Constable Maxwell, who arrested Lepama, was called, but was not in attendance, and the charge against Lepama was therefore withdrawn.
