

FRANKLIN-STREET ASSAULT CASE.

The Information Dismissed.

The adjourned hearing of the case in which Alfred Campe was charged with having assaulted Artaur Wilho Myyrylainen in Franklin-street on Thursday night, was heard at the Adelaide Police Court on Monday. The bench was occupied by Mr. I. Gepp, S.M., and justices. Mr. W. F. Owen appeared for the defendant, and Sub-Inspector Edwards prosecuted.

The informant, a sailor, residing at Port Adelaide, said he was in Adelaide on Thursday evening. At the Bristol Hotel, in Franklin-street, the defendant called the witness a German. He denied the allegation, and said he was a Russian Finn. The defendant then left the bar-room. When the complainant entered Eliza-street about five minutes later the defendant attacked him. On the following night the complainant saw the defendant in King William-street, and got a constable to arrest him.

To Mr. Owen—He came to town on Thursday morning and saw the Russian consul. He called at the recruiting office and then went to a picture show. Shortly before 7 p.m. he entered a room at the Bristol Hotel, and the defendant went in later. When the complainant was walking along Eliza-street about half an hour afterwards the defendant rushed at him from a doorway and attacked him. About eight men, who were in the vicinity, rushed at the defendant and knocked him down.

Johanes Johansen gave evidence that the defendant went up to the complainant and said, "What are you?" The complainant said, "Never mind. What

complainant said, "never mind. Who are you?" to which the defendant replied, "I know you are German." The complainant said he was not German. When the complainant was attacked the witness to his assistance. Two men jumped on the witness' neck, and he then ran away.

Constable Welsh said that he heard the complainant charge the defendant with assault. The defendant said he knew nothing about the matter.

Mr. Owen maintained it was a case of mistaken identity.

The defendant, who described himself as a seaman, said he saw the complainant and Johansen in a parlor at the Bristol Hotel. They were very drunk. In company with three women friends, the witness left the hotel, and he did not see the complainant again until the next day.

Sub-Inspector Edwards—What nationality are you?

The Defendant—I am a Belgian.

Since the war or before?—Before the war, and I will show you my papers.

How long have you been in this country?—About two years. I came out on a Belgian training ship.

Rose Myrtle Hensen and Bessie Smith said they were in the Bristol Hotel when the defendant and a girl named Beaty entered the bar. The four of them afterwards went home together.

Beatrice Tickwell said she went to the hotel with the defendant, and went away with him, and the two previous witnesses.

The S.M. said that the evidence of the informant was that there were seven or eight people in the vicinity when he left the hotel, and that influenced the court in arriving at the conclusion that the informant had made a mistake as regards the identity of his assailant.

The information was dismissed.
