

DOES SMASH-UP ACT, MAN JAILED

Italian Arrested for Starting a Row in Second-Hand Shop.

John Zeman, an Italian laborer, was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday on a charge of assault preferred by Arthur Levinson, a Hebrew secondhand dealer. The prisoner was unable to understand English, while his accuser could do but little better. The fracas is said to have started over the Italian's desire to purchase a whisky flask from the second-hand man. Zeman had picked out a bottle to his liking, but when it came to the price, the difficulty arose that ended in blows.

According to the Hebrew, his customer flew into a rage and, after smashing the bottle, threatened to break his head with a flask he picked from one of the shelves of the store. The Italian was an attentive listener to the statements of his accuser and when asked by the court as to what he had to say, replied with a shivering nod of the head that he was a good man, and that his accuser said many things which he didn't understand.

The complainant came back with some remarks to the effect that the prisoner broke up everything and then he wanted to get away, ending plaintively with the query, "Why didn't he stay away altogether?"

By this time the services of an interpreter were found necessary, and the case was adjourned until today in order to afford an opportunity to secure one. The kinks in the evidence will be taken out with his assistance this morning.