

JAPANESE ARE DIVIDED BY MAID

Disturbance is Result at Nip-
ponese Meeting When the
Friends of Sei Kodama Try
to Defend Her Good Name.

**LIBEL SUIT MAY,
BREAK MANY TIES**

Colony Aligning Itself Into Two
Factions Because of Arrest
of Editor of Asahi Shinbun
for Articles Published.

ONE diminutive maid of Nippon has
so stirred up the local Japanese
colony as a result of her objec-
tion to the notoriety given her by the
Asahi Shinbun (a Japanese daily news-
paper), that almost every loyal son of
the Mikado in Seattle has taken sides
for or against her, and when the matter
was broached at a meeting of young
men last night such a disturbance re-
sulted that the session was finally ad-
journed.

Friends of C. H. Yoshimura, editor of
the Shinbun, who was arrested last week
on a charge of criminal libel growing
out of articles alleged to reflect on the
good name of Miss Sei Kodama, were
present in large numbers last night at
the regular weekly meeting of the
Young Men's Association. A few friends
of Miss Kodama and Rev. S. Yoshioka,
the Methodist pastor, whose name is
linked with that of the girl, were also
in attendance.

Session Closed in Row.

Several of the young men spoke in
behalf of the Shinbun and expressed the
opinion that the editor had spoken the
truth. Then three champions of Miss
Kodama arose and tried to address the
meeting on the other side, but the jeers
and other disturbance that followed
drowned their voices and they finally re-
tired from the platform and the ses-
sion was brought to a hasty close.

Mr. Yoshimura, who is out of jail un-
der bonds, awaiting the outcome of the
libel charges pending against him, and
H. J. Kato, his associate, have engaged
counsel and are preparing an elaborate
defense of their action in publishing
articles which Rev. Mr. Yoshioka and
Miss Kodama consider as directed at
them.

"There are good men and bad men
among Japanese pastor, the likeness of
which is sometime existence among
Americans," explained Mr. Kato this
morning to a reporter for The Times,
"and American public must not think
because mistaken notion of all ministers
are good may be true in their case that
same is not apply to Japanese men of
cloth and letters and Bible learning.
Many witnesses are obtaining each day
to disapprove what I have theorize and
I hope to convince prosecuting attorney
of sameness."

Sought a Sensation.

Rev. Mr. Yoshioka this morning said:
"I know of no personal reasons why
the Asahi Shinbun took occasion to ma-
lign the young woman who is residing
in my home.

"There are four Japanese papers in
Seattle and like their American con-
temporaries they are striving to build
up circulation and advertising.

"If the Shinbun had printed a story
about an inmate of the restricted dis-
trict it would have attracted but little
or no attention, so I presume they sought
to create a sensation by using the name
of a young woman who was in the home
of a minister. It is simply a sample of
Japanese yellow journalism."

Judge A. W. Frater of the superior
court this morning set the case against
Yoshimura for trial on May 15.