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**C**HARGING A. T. Cook, marshal at Kent, with precipitating a riot, a warrant will be sought this afternoon by H. E. Snook, attorney for C. E. Burnley, proprietor of the Valley Hotel at Kent. According to Burnley, Cook, in company with three Japanese, forcibly entered a room in his hotel last Monday night and kidnaped a Japanese woman, Mrs. H. Kimura. Two weeks ago, so recites the complaint, Kimura and his wife, who was not then his wife, according to American law, engaged rooms at the Valley Hotel. Kimura is employed as a foreman of a canning company in Alaska and intended sailing for Juneau Monday night. Before he left he wanted to have his marriage solemnized in American style and, with Burnley, came to Seattle Monday afternoon to secure the license.

Not knowing that his prospective wife's presence was required when he secured the license Kimura was obliged to go back and get her. Monday evening the couple was married in the parlors of the hotel by the Methodist minister at Kent, Rev. V. C. Evers. The same evening Kimura left for Seattle, intending to depart the next day, leaving the bride in the care of Burnley and his wife until he should return next October.

After Kimura's departure for Seattle two strange Japanese came and inquired if there was a Japanese couple staying at the hotel. They received a negative answer and went away. At 1 o'clock Tuesday morning they returned to the hotel and inquired for rooms. Burnley, suspecting that something was wrong, turned them away. At 6 o'clock Tuesday morning Marshal Cook with three Japanese forcibly entered the

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room of Mrs. Kimura and, dragging her out of bed, forced her to dress and took her away with them. The room was entered, says Burnley, despite his efforts to keep them from it. In the meantime they nearly broke his arm.

The woman was taken to Tacoma and Kimura postponed his trip for the purpose of instituting proceedings in the federal court at Tacoma to recover his wife. Burnley came to Seattle yesterday afternoon and engaged an attorney who secured an information from the prosecuting attorney's office on which to secure a warrant charging Marshal Cook with assault in the third degree. The warrant was not asked for, but one will be sought this afternoon, charging the marshal with inciting a riot. Burnley says that he will also institute civil proceedings against the marshal for \$5,000 damages.

## **Cook Explains Acts.**

The marshal's version of the affair is that one of the Japanese, M. Kato, represented himself as the manager of an employment agency in Tacoma, and said that the woman was his wife.

"They came to my house about 1 o'clock Monday night," said the marshal, "and asked me to go and get the wife of Kato, who he said had eloped with another Japanese. I told them to wait until morning and then at 6 o'clock I went with them to the hotel and went in the door of the room. The woman was sitting on the bed and when we opened the door she came out of the room with the other Japanese and went with them. The three men were well dressed and said that if I wanted any references regarding them I could call up Mayor Seymour of Tacoma. I was convinced that they were acting in good faith and that the woman was really the wife of Kato."