

AN APPOINTMENT SHARPLY CRITICISED

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Secretary Bayard has selected as Consul to Nagasaki, Japan, J. Ernest Meiere, of Colorado, once an officer in the Confederate Navy, and more recently a more or less patient waiter for patronage about the capital. The appointment provokes some criticism from Western men and some surprise is expressed because a recent offense by the candidate appears to have escaped Mr. Bayard's attention. The *Critic* of April 3 contained the following police item: "Dr. J. E. Meiere, of Nebraska, was arrested at the Ebbitt House last night for disorderly conduct. He approached Commodore Truxton, of the navy. The gentlemen had not met since the war. Meiere was intoxicated and his conduct and manner were offensive to the Commodore, who was sitting in the lobby and who did not care to converse with Meiere. The latter committed an assault on Mr. Truxton, when the police interfered. He was locked up and released this morning."

The explanation made by Dr. Meiere's friends is that he was celebrating his wedding and was rather joyful when he pulled Commodore Truxton's beard because he had joined the navy of the United States instead of that of the Confederacy. Colorado people suggest that the South ought to furnish a sufficient number of ex-Confederates for Mr. Bayard's purposes and that he should not seek men of that stripe in Colorado, which furnished no troops to the rebellion.

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