

# A DETECTIVE OF NIPPON

**Folk Lore Story That Goes  
Back to Feudal Days  
Mayor Who Arrested a Guy  
and Sentenced Him.**

marvelled. The task of unseating the *g* too much for the three court, and they sought aid of those s about. They promised that i for assistance they would ad counted on the aid of the cou to witness the extraordinary. Ireds were spurred by curio led a hand and when the st went through the streets stra a car in the street. The crowd grew. It filled the great hall of when Jizo was lifted in and up before the platform upon sat the Mayor, O-oka, address god in stern words.

A Negligent Fool.

"You are a negligent fool, O he exclaimed in a voice loud, for all to hear. "You are su to protect every one who beli

stand accused of being an ac in this robbery. Have you to say for yourself before I patience?"

Mayor O-oka waited for a fe

O'Lea thundered in a voice of fire. "Why are all these people strutting about here, wearing military uniforms? Are they accomplices of our or any plain thieves? This court is a penny shop and we laugh at the Court's orders. Shut the gates at once."

Before he would allow the 700 to however O'Lea looked at the porter who had been robbed to an honest dollar and he asked the porter to deliver the 700 pieces of cotton cloth and see if he could identify any of them as having been once in the hands of the thieves. Since every man, woman and child in the market marked the salvage of each thief's haul, a little red trademark stamp was

for searched the edges of mar-  
of cloth for a stamp similar to  
born. The cloth had been  
been robbed. He found that  
the pieces of cloth brought to  
Mayor's fine bore the stamp  
plundered. He then gave the  
gave orders for the arrest of  
men who had brought this to  
he confessed to the robbery at  
the time he was in the  
sleeping porter's pack was  
him.

All the other pieces of cloth  
in toll by the Mayor were  
their owners and all but this;  
members of the crowd which  
tended the trial of Jizo were i-  
Then the Mayor, who had  
in a cart, wreathed with  
pine and the bamboo, symbol  
life and prosperity, and he was  
back to the business district  
street at the head of a demon-  
stration. Jizo had vindicated h-  
and Mayor O-o-ka the day sat  
night.