TRIAL OF BELGIAN ANARCHISTS.

Baron Sternberg, Whom the Charges Designate as Jagolkovsky.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 14.—The trial of sixteen Anarchists charged with blowing up the house of the Burgomaster of Liège, on April 22 last, began at Liège this morning. The prisoners are also charged with attempting to blow up the Church of St. Jacques, in Liège.

Their leader, Jagolkovsky, alias Baron Sternberg, disappeared after the Burgo-master's house was blown up, and was subsequently arrested by the Russian police. It is supposed that he is now imprisoned in Russia.

This information explains the "acte d'accusation" against Baron Sternberg, the terms of which are as follows:

"Cyprien Bernard Philippovitch Jagolkovsky, twenty-nine years of age, without occupation, born at Boboff, Government of Vononeja, in Russia, having lived at Liège, a fugitive presently detained at St. Petersburg."

How the man could be a fugitive and detained at St. Petersburg nobody knows. Now it is clear that he was a fugitive—from Liège and in the Liège point of view.

Nobody ever saw this Baron Sternberg except a reporter for The Echo de Paris, who describes him as follows:

"He is hardly thirty years old, under the medium height, blonde, and graceful and even distinguished in bearing. At the beginning of 1894, when I saw him at Nice, he wore a long beard. His blue eyes are very soft. His physiognomy is open and intelligent."

Baron Sternberg—if the personage be not mythical—has been arrested many times and in many cities. The Anarchists say that he must be an "agent provocateur."

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