

BEATEN AND STABBED.

An Italian Set Upon by Three of His Countrymen.

A STILETTO WOUND IN HIS SIDE.

Rocco Romanilli in an Altercation With Three Brothers is Brutally Assaulted With Knife and Bludgeon.

Last night a savage affray occurred in the vicinity of Eighth and Carpenter streets, in which Rocco Romanilli, a native of Italy, 30 years of age, of No. 1007 South Eighth street, was shockingly beaten and slashed by three other Italians.

The quarter where the affair occurred is known as Little Italy, from the colony of that nation which has located in the neighborhood. It appears that Romanilli was sitting on his doorstep with his wife, children and some friends last evening, about 9 o'clock, when he wanted some cigars and went over to the cigar store of Antony Valoni, corner of Eighth and Carpenter streets, to purchase some.

After buying the cigars he found there was not enough to go round, so he started to get some more. On his return he noticed Amelio, Antonio and John Mardoli, three brothers, standing on the opposite corner, who accosted him, charging him with having been the cause of getting Antonio fined for the breach of the rules of some labor organization to which they all belonged.

Romanilli denied this and an altercation ensued, and, it is alleged, that Antonio struck him with a heavy club on the head. A struggle ensued and the other brothers took part against Romanilli, in the course of which, it is said, he was stabbed by Amelio. The wounded man staggered away and tried to reach his home, but was knocked down.

At this juncture Antony Valoni interfered and succeeded in getting the almost insensible man into his store. Meanwhile his three assailants had disappeared, and Romanilli was taken home, and from there in the patrol wagon to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Lieutenant Gillingham, of the Second district, detailed Special Officers Slater and Keegan to hunt up the three brothers, with orders to arrest them and bring them to the police station.

Dr. Green, one of the resident physicians at the hospital, saw that the wounded man was seriously hurt and summoned Dr. Penrose, who took the man's statement. He was placed under the influence of an anesthetic and his wound examined.

The weapon, from the nature of the cut, must have been a stiletto. It had penetrated the abdominal walls after penetrating the side, but had fortunately missed the intestines. It is impossible to say at present what the result of the injury will be.

Only meagre information can be obtained among the Italians regarding the affair, but the facts were elicited from Romanilli were virtually admitted to be correct.

The police arrested Gerald Mardoli, another brother of his assailant, as an accessory before the fact, although he was not present during the affray. Up to a late hour last night neither of the others had been captured.