

GREEK BISHOP'S PARTY ATTACKS SYRIAN EDITOR

Invade His Brooklyn Home, Then
Battle in the Street.

THE BISHOP IS ARRESTED

One Man Wounded by Bullet—Rivalry
of Catholics and Orthodox Church-
men Led to Trouble.

The Rev. Raphael Hawaweeney, Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in Brooklyn, and seven members of his congregation were taken under arrest to the Butler Street Police Station in Brooklyn last night for fighting with some Syrians, led by N. A. Mokatel, editor and publisher of Al Hoda, a Syrian daily paper of Manhattan. Although bail was offered for the Bishop, Magistrate Tighe refused to accept it. He said he thought the Bishop would be safer in a cell of the Butler Street Station than in his home.

Bishop Hawaweeney lives at 320 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, and, being the head of the Greek Church in that borough, was naturally credited with much of the leadership in the factional fight that for many months has been waged between the Brooklyn Syrians of the Greek Orthodox and the Roman Catholic faith. The factional trouble came to a head the latter part of last month, when some Catholic Syrians went to Police Commissioner McAdoo and told him that Bishop Hawaweeney was inciting his followers to violence toward their countrymen of the Catholic faith. When asked about the complaint the Bishop declared that the report was false, and added that instead of being a man of violence he was thoroughly one of peace.

After this there was a lull in the storm until a few days ago, when Bishop Hawaweeney accused Editor Mokatel of attacking him in the columns of Al Hoda. This was the beginning of the row that ended in a free-for-all-fight in and outside of Editor Mokatel's house at 137 Pacific Street late last night.

It was about 11 o'clock when the Bishop and about twelve of his followers, according to the police, appeared at the residence of Mr. Mokatel. In the parlor of the Mokatel home at the time were the editor and about a dozen of his friends. The minute the Hawaweeney party entered the fight began.

It was rough and tumble in the parlor for a few minutes, and then the combatants went to the street and fought there. Pistols were drawn and fully twenty shots were fired. Only one of the bullets took effect. That lodged in the left leg of A. D. Achkaupi of 91 Greenwich Street, Manhattan, one of the Mokatel followers.

The noise of the shooting attracted the attention of Policeman Mallon, who quickly turned in a call for the reserves and hurried to the battle.

The first man that Mallon saw was running for all he was worth. Mallon gave chase and caught the fugitive after a block's sprint. The man, Mallon declares, was the Bishop.

In the meantime the reserves had arrived and soon had in custody seven other men, who, they say, were of the Bishop's party. With the Bishop they were taken to the station and locked up.

Soon after the Bishop was locked up several women appeared and offered to go bail for him, but Capt. Zimmerman refused to accept them and referred them to Magistrate Tighe, who told them that the Bishop was better off in a cell than at home.

Bishop Hawaweeney and his friends will be arraigned in the Butler Street Court this morning.