

BISHOP A PRISONER.

His Followers Storm Editor's Home —Syrian Church Fight.

As a result of a raid made by the followers of Bishop Raphael Hawaweeney on the home of N. A. Nokazen, editor and publisher of "Al Hoda," No. 137 Pacific-st., the bishop spent last night in the Butler-st. station, Brooklyn. The bishop is the head of the Orthodox Greek Church in this country, and as the ecclesiastical representative of the Czar has incurred the enmity of the Maronites, or Roman Catholic Syrian element. Some time ago some of his supporters laid their knives on the altar and consecrated them to his service.

The noise of the fight brought Patrolman Mellon. Sending in a call for the reserves he waded into the fray with his trusty locust nightstick. By the time the reserves had arrived he had, single handed, almost vanquished the mob, which then numbered nearly two hundred persons.

Before the onslaught of the reserves the Syrians broke and fled. The members of the insurance salvage corps near Court-st. saw some of them wildly flying down the streets and caught seven of them. As they corralled them in the quarters an alarm of fire came in and they had to leave them in charge of one of the men until the arrival of the police.

While the mob was hurrying home Patrolman Mellon followed one man who, he says, had been industriously seeking Maronite scalps. As the man ran, the patrolman says he threw away a pearl handled revolver of large calibre, which was later recovered. Mellon caught his man and took him to the Butler-st. station. There it was found that his capture was no less a personage than Bishop Hawaweeney. The seven other prisoners, whose names ran over the allotted space in the blotter several lines, were locked up with the militant spiritual leader. Soon after his arrest a woman friend of the bishop appeared to bail him out. As the Bishop was charged with felonious assault she was told to go to a magistrate. Magistrate Tighe was found finally, but the Bishop's friend was told that he had best remain locked up, so he could not get into any more trouble.

Last night the owners of the consecrated knives, this time supported by some modern revolvers, went to the home of Nokazer, at No. 137 Pacific-st., not far from the home of the Bishop, at No. 330. The editor saw and heard them coming and fled down the back stairs to safety. Some of his friends who were present hastily formed themselves into an entertainment committee and were ready to receive the visitors when they arrived. One of the callers drew a revolver and fired. Knives and guns were used indiscriminately, and the party soon fought its way to the street, where an overflow meeting was waiting to join them.

Despite all the noise made by the fighters only one man was hurt. He was A. B. Archikouplis, of No. 84 Greenwich-st., who was hit in the left leg. He went to the Long Island College Hospital.

The battle of Pacific-st. was preceded in the afternoon by a brisk skirmish in Manhattan, in Washington-st. As a result three men were arrested.

The men arrested, three Syrian merchants, were before Magistrate Mayo, in the Tombs court, charged with disturbing the peace. They were Issy Awad, No. 23 Rector-st., dealer in Oriental goods; M. M. Maloof, Nos. 17 and 19 Broadway, importer, and S. Gazal, broker, Nos. 17 and 19 Broadway. Maloof and Awad made counter charges of assault and battery. The Assyrian colony attended the trial in a body.

Magistrate Mayo adjourned the case until Wednesday, the three prisoners being paroled on their own recognizances.