

RIOTOUS RUSSIAN

CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

SYDNEY, Tuesday.

A house at 727 Harris-street, City, was the scene of a row on Saturday, as a result of which Amy Black, 37, and George Doobrofsky, 27, appeared at the Central Police Court charged with having assaulted Robert Byles.

Black was further charged with having used indecent language.

Sergeant Harding stated that he went to the house at 727 Harris-street at 11.10 p.m. Black was then standing in the doorway making use of indecent language.

On entering the house he saw Byles with wounds on the head and face, and said, "What's the matter here?" Byles, pointing to the defendants, replied, "They stabbed me." Doobrofsky said, "Not me," and then Black interposed, "I will tell the truth. I — well stabbed him."

Robert Byles, a butcher, gave evidence that he was a boarder at the house. He was getting tea ready in the kitchen in company with Olga Percell, the two defendants, and a man named Carl.

Some trouble started through Carl putting his arm round Olga. He said to Carl, "All right, you can have her if you want her," and then went upstairs to pack up. Olga thereupon said, "George is going." Doobrofsky replied, "— him."

Olga said "The same to you," and then Doobrofsky knocked her down and kicked her. On Byles interposing on her behalf, Black attempted to stab him with a table-knife, but it bent up.

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Byles then said "Chuck the knife away and fight fair," but he slashed him across the face and head, and when he fell down he kicked him. Byles then went for the police, with Black following him up with the table-knife, still trying to stab him.

George Doobrofsky, a Russian, in the course of his evidence, stated that Byles came in singing indecent songs. He denied the assault and said that Byles went out, and came back with his face and head cut.

For the assault, Doobrofsky was sentenced to three months' and Black to a month's hard labor, while for the language, the latter was fined 40s or seven days'.