

ALLEGED STABBING.

An alleged stabbing affray in a house in Jane-street, West End, on the night of August 5, was responsible for Akem Petroff, a one-legged man, being charged, before Mr. Hishon, P.M., with having done grievous bodily harm to Stephan Orloff.

Mr. A. L. Macnaughton appeared for defendant.

Constable Watson said that he saw Orloff in Upper Melbourne street on the night of August 5. The trousers and singlet he was wearing were saturated with blood. He had a cut about two inches long in the centre of his chest. Orloff handed him a double-bladed pocket knife. The large blade was stained with blood.

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnaughton, witness said that he knew defendant was admitted to hospital the following morning, suffering from a broken rib, and was an inmate for about two weeks. Orloff was in hospital for two or three days.

Stephen Orloff said that he had known defendant for more than 10 years. He had drinks with him on the evening of August 5, and they had dinner together. Afterwards, they went to George Lomina's house in Jane-street, West End. When they were having supper, defendant became abusive and violent, and stabbed witness in the chest with a knife. Witness gave Petroff no provocation, and did not strike him. He did not know how defendant sustained a broken rib.

Defendant was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on October 10. His bail was extended.