

2 DIE IN PISTOL FIGHT IN BROOKLYN STREET

Italians Shot Down as They
Draw Weapons to De-
fend Themselves.

RESULT OF AN OLD FEUD

Police Believe Victims Were Slain
Out of Revenge Following
a Murder in Harlem.

Nicholas Morello of 350 East 116th Street and Charles Ubriaco of 431 East 114th Street, both said to be prominent in the uptown Italian colony here, were killed in a pistol fight late yesterday afternoon on Johnson Street, between Fleet Place and Hudson Avenue, in Brooklyn. There was a fusillade of shots, which threw that densely populated neighborhood into an uproar, and for a time it was reported that a race riot was in progress.

Policeman Coon of the Adams Street Station heard the shots, and when he started down Johnson Street saw a large crowd shouting and pushing to and fro. He called the reserves from the Adams Street Station, who arrived in automobiles that had been commandeered, patrol wagons, and on foot. Under Captain Coleman they throw a line across the street and in a few minutes had it cleared.

Morello was lying in the gutter with six bullet wounds, and Ubriaco was about fifty feet away in the street, with one wound through the heart. Dr. Rickey of the Brooklyn Hospital said that both had died almost instantly. There were bullet holes in several doors and windows, and for a time it was thought that others had been shot.

Detectives Frank Tierney, Michael Mealli, Joseph Bucciano, William Rody and several others, all from the Sixth Branch Bureau, were sent out on the case and about an hour later brought three colored men to the Adams Street Station. These admitted that they had seen the shooting. They said that the men who were later killed were walking along Johnson Street arm in arm, when two other men, evidently Italians, walked up to them. Without a word the two strangers opened fire. Morello fell dead in the act of drawing a revolver from his pocket. Ubriaco drew his revolver and blazed away, backing down the street as he shot. Both strangers fired at him and he fell as he fired the last shot from his revolver. The other men then fled, throwing their empty revolvers into the street, where they were found by the police.

Later in the afternoon Detective Mealli brought Rocco Volenti, 21 years old, of 313 Hudson Avenue, into the station. He found him in a billiard hall near the scene of the killing. Volenti denied any knowledge of the affair, but a loaded revolver was found in his room and he was held for a hearing today.

Morello was identified by letters and a bank book showing that he had deposited \$550 yesterday, and had in all \$1,355 to his credit. Ubriaco was identified by Morris Eckler, the Brooklyn Bertillon expert, by his finger prints. He was arrested during June, 1915, for carrying a revolver, and was out on bail for that offense when killed.

The detectives last night advanced the theory that the men were lured to Brooklyn and killed by the relatives of a man and his son who were murdered in Harlem about two years ago. Following their deaths their relatives moved to Brooklyn.

Late last night Cerro Peranova identified Morello as his brother. He told the police that they both used the name of Peranova as well as Morello, owing to their mother having married twice, her last husband bearing that name. He admitted that a stepbrother, Joseph, was serving twenty-five years in the Atlanta Penitentiary for counterfeiting, and that another brother-in-law, Ignazio Lupo, is serving thirty years for the same offense. Lupo was known to the police here as "Lupo, the Wolf."