
RANDOLPH WALKER DOING WELL.

Conditions on Which His Father Will Not
Prosecute His Youthful Assailants.

Randolph, the thirteen-year-old son of John Brisben Walker, editor of the *Cosmopolitan*, who was stabbed by young ruffians on Saturday evening, is likely to recover, although he is not yet out of danger.

Mr. Walker, when seen yesterday by a NEW-YORK TIMES reporter at his residence, 144 Central Park West, said:

"My wife and I, with our son Randolph, had been for a walk as far as Grant's tomb on Saturday afternoon, and, as we returned, I suggested that Randolph should go to the house of my Secretary, W. J. Kenna in One Hundred and Third Street, and bring me some books. He did so, and on his way back, while in Columbus Avenue at One Hundred and First Street, he was surrounded by a crowd of young toughs who infest that locality. They snatched his cap and tried to rifle his pockets. He defended himself, however, and in the midst of the mêlée, was stabbed in the stomach and fell to the ground bleeding profusely. This was about 6:30 P. M. The boys all ran off and no effort was made to detain them.

"Randolph was carried into Arndt's drug store at One Hundred and Second Street, and I was sent for. I reached the spot as an ambulance arrived. I had my boy carried home in the ambulance. He was very bright and brave, although he had lost considerable blood.

"Dr. Charles McBurney examined him and found a clean-cut wound nearly one inch deep. The doctor said that, had it been three-quarters of an inch higher, the heart would have been pierced; or if half an inch lower, it would have struck the intestines. In either case the wound would have been fatal. Randolph is getting along very well to-day, although the doctor will not yet pronounce him certainly out of danger.

"There is a regular little organized gang of these young roughs, about Columbus Avenue, and, according to the police, their audacity is extraordinary. The leaders are supposed to be two brothers, Thomas and Arthur McNiece, aged respectively eleven and ten years. The police arrested these two boys on Saturday night and brought them here, but I did not care to prosecute.

"It is not certain that either of them struck the blow. In any case they should not be held so responsible as those who have charge of them. I am informed that their father is quite well off, and could send the boys to a good school if he chose. I have told the police that if these boys are properly looked after and educated to a better sense of right I will take no proceedings against them. If they are not, however, the law must take its course."