

# HIS VICTIM MAY NOT RECOVER.

## REAL ESTATE MAN'S STOMACH PIERCED BY KNIFE.

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Dramatic Statement Attributed to  
Him While in Ambulance—Assail-  
ant Very Anxious—Gives Outline of  
Cause of Trouble.**

George Cunningham, the real estate man who was stabbed by W. W. Garvin, Monday afternoon during an altercation, may die. His condition was serious last night, according to the physicians who are attending him. The intestinal walls and the wall of the stomach were pierced by the knife and complications are feared. Cunningham is making a strong fight for his life and his robust constitution is in his favor.

According to W. P. Whitsett, a friend of Cunningham's, the latter, while riding in the ambulance to the hospital, accused Garvin of deliberately trying to murder him. The statement was made in the presence of W. E. Olmstead. Whitsett said:

"While Cunningham was being driven to the hospital he told me he had had some previous difficulty with one of Garvin's sons. The old man seemed friendly when he met him Monday, he said, and asked him how he was getting along. Then Cunningham added: 'Suddenly he turned on me and after asking a question, said: 'God damn you, I told you I'd get you and I've got you now.' As he spoke he stuck the knife into me."

Waiting anxiously for any news that may come from the bedside of the man he stabbed, Garvin is in a cell at the City Jail. When seen by a Times reporter yesterday afternoon the old man's first words were: "How is he getting on?" He has been cautioned not to talk and said little. Beyond a

brief outline of the cause of the trouble, Garvin did not commit himself. He said:

"Cunningham did not give me a straight answer when I asked him about the shares in the Hermosa mine. I have about 30,000 shares of stock in that mine, and I wanted it and proposed to get it if I could. I've been away to Arizona and just got back. I met Cunningham yesterday on South Broadway. When I had asked him about his folks I then asked what he intended to do about the shares. He put me off, and I called him a name. Then he struck me."

The old man paused at this point. He was nervous, and showed his anxiety by asking again about the condition of Cunningham. When told that his victim may die, he became deathly pale.

"I'm an old man, nearly 65 years of age," he said. "This is the worst trouble I ever got into. You want me to tell you how it happened? Well, I don't know. We struggled, and I fell toward him. My knife was open—I have a habit of walking on the street with my pocket knife open. We kept on fighting after that until some one stopped us. Then I went to the station and left my address."

Garvin was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was fixed at \$2000 cash, which he gave. His examination will be held as soon as the wounded man is able to appear in court.