

LOVE CRAZED MAN KILLS GIRL AND THEN HIMSELF

Crazed by hopeless love and jealous of a rival he believed to be about to take the object of his affection from him, John Young yesterday shot and killed Ida Solemovitz, and going a short distance to his own home turned the weapon upon himself, sending a bullet crashing through his brain, causing instant death. The tragedy had no witnesses and, although the deaths of the pair occurred in adjoining houses, 478 and 480 Main street, Connor's Point, at 9:30 yesterday morning, neither body was discovered until nearly an hour later.

Bodies Are Found.

The body of the girl was found in the yard of her home at 480 Main street by a fisherman, who stopped there to get some baskets which he had left on Saturday. Going into the yard, he was startled to find Ida's inanimate form lying in the grass with blood still rushing from a gaping wound in her breast. After rushing next door, to Young's home, to telephone to police headquarters, he returned and the dead girl was taken into her home. On the arrival of Chief of Police McKinnon Young's body was found in the rear of the two-roomed house lying in a pool of blood which had run from a wound back of his ear.

Sets Doubt at Rest.

With the finding of the body of Young all doubt as to how Ida had met her death was cleared away. She and Young, it is said, for a number of months had been sweethearts and, while reports differ, it is believed that love was mutual. Samuel Solemovitz, the father of the dead girl, said that Young two months ago had asked him for his daughter, but that he had not given his consent, although he had not refused. At intervals Young repeated the request, never receiving an affirmative answer. Some weeks ago it is said that Ida sent a ticket to some man in Russia, and that he was expected here next month. While her family denied any knowledge of such action on her part, that she did so is affirmed by near relatives, who say that she was to marry the newcomer, who was of the Jewish faith, as was Ida, while Young was a Scotchman, with the usual church tendencies of his race.

Learned About Rival.

It is believed by the police that Young had just learned of the impending separation from Ida by the appearance of the stranger from Russia, and determined to end all rather than let a rival win her from him. He was seen to enter the Solemovitz home about 9 o'clock yesterday, where Ida was alone, her father being out peddling and her mother having gone downtown. One shot was heard by neighbors, and a workman at the shipyards told the police that he saw a scuffle in the kitchen of the little home, the door of which was open. He also said he saw a woman run from the house, but paid no special attention to her. The disordered condition of the kitchen when the police arrived bore out this story.

A letter found in Young's pocket by the police apparently indicates that he

had planned the whole affair, there being evidences that he wrote part of it before killing the girl and part afterward. It reads as follows:

"Say, boy, when a child is born he has so much to go through; everything is set out for him. I am sorry of my lot in it. In 1900 I came to West Superior. I treat everybody white and everybody treats me white in the city. I have lived two years on the Point. In June, 1906, Ida told me to ask her father if we could wed. I asked her father and he did not say yes or no. Then after that every time I would go up town she would tell me I would be sorry for it, going up town every night with other girls. Her mother makes my bread for me. Ida come to my room last week. She told me she would put poison in my bread and poison me if I went with other girls. She said to me, 'John, I will die with you. I want for you to die among the Jews, like Christ.' Then I said to her, 'My dear, don't have the like in your mind.' Then I laughed. I was up against it. The Jews shall remember me far and Christ. Ida told me they killed Christ. Put both of us down in one place, as we met and had to part. We loved each other. She made me do this. Goodby."

Was Apparently Happy.

Young was at the home of a sister Mrs. Alexander McDonald, 1015 Banks avenue, Saturday evening, taking with him some presents, when he told her about Ida saying she would poison him, and again on Sunday he was there, both times apparently in a happy frame of mind. Neighbors of the McDonalds say they saw him there again about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, but if such was the case Mrs. McDonald says that he must have knocked and they failed to hear him, as she did not see him.

Young has resided on the Point for a number of years and for most of the time has lived alone in the home where he killed himself. This was a two-room house and was scantily furnished. At one time he worked in the Great Northern shops, and more recently at the Northern coal docks, but for some time he had not been working at all. He was considered by the neighbors as quiet and inoffensive, although not inclined to look at life too seriously. He was about 30 years of age.

Girl Well Liked.

The murdered girl was about 23 years of age and has lived on Connor's Point for a number of years with her parents. She was liked by the neighbors and had a number of relatives in the city. She was often teased by her girl friends about Young, but it is said that she always replied that she did not care for him, and a number of the neighbors declare that she never went out with him. No arrangements have been made for the funerals of either Young or Miss Solemovitz, but they will probably be held tomorrow. No inquests will be held over either. The body of the girl is at her father's home, while Young's remains are at Coroner Dudley's undertaking rooms.