

PROBE UPSETS

GUNMAN'S TALE

Police Learn Veris Recently Bought Revolver With Which Daneiko Was Shot.

LOAN OFFICE OWNERS • IDENTIFY HIM IN CELL

Near-Victim of Bullet Recovering at Hospital—Detective Terry's "Hunch" Is Good.

Through the records of Norman Terry, lieutenant of detectives, the Duluth police last night found two men who declared that the gun used by Harry Veris in the shooting of Morris Daneiko, a West Michigan street merchant, Wednesday night, was purchased Monday from the City Loan office, 522 West Superior street. Charles O. Riukka and Edwin S. Rose, the two men, later identified Veris at police headquarters as the man who bought the gun.

All day yesterday Veris half convinced the police of the truth of his story, that he bought the gun from Daneiko and that it was accidentally discharged as he was learning how to operate it. Chief Troyer said the story was without a flaw and the frank way it was told by the gunman made it difficult to doubt.

On the other hand, the story told by Daneiko was equally convincing and entirely different. He said that Veris entered his store to buy underclothes and when the two were alone in the rear of the store Veris pulled the revolver and demanded the merchant's money. Just as Daneiko stepped over to get the money he was shot, he said.

Believe Daneiko.

The absence of any motive on the part of Daneiko to tell anything but the truth led the police to doubt the prisoner's story, but nothing could be found wrong with it. As a last resort, and after he had learned that the shooting victim was much improved, Chief Troyer took the prisoner to St. Luke's hospital, where Daneiko was taken, believing that by having the two men talk he might discover some fault in one of the stories.

The attempt was unsuccessful. Each added details that had not been brought out before, but both held to the original explanations of the shooting. Veris became agitated and argued with the sick man.

"Don't you remember you wanted \$3.50 for that gun and I would only give you \$3?" he demanded of Daneiko. "Don't you remember I said that was all the gun was worth? Don't you remember my telling you I didn't know anything about a hammerless gun and don't you remember showing me how it worked? Don't you remember putting in those cartridges?"

The police returned Veris to his cell with the mystery still unsolved.

Detective Gets Hunch.

Then Detective Terry had a "hunch." He asked the chief to let him see the gun, saying that his record of pawnbroker transactions contained the numbers of thousands of cheap revolvers.

After considerable time in the tedious task of comparing numbers he found the gun had been sold to the City Loan office last spring. He put it in his pocket and started for the store.

Rose and Riukka recognized the gun at once and said they recently sold it. Then they turned to their record of the sale Monday. They were taken to police headquarters and identified Veris as the purchaser.

"Veris has not confessed," said Chief Troyer last night. "We have not asked him to admit his guilt and, with the evidence furnished by these men, we do not care if he never confesses. We give him credit for having a good story, but it did not last."

Dr. I. J. Murphy, police surgeon, said last night that Daneiko is much improved and he has every hope of the man's recovery.

Veris was arraigned in municipal court yesterday on a charge of assault in the first degree. He demanded an examination which was set for Oct. 21.