

WOMAN FATALLY SHOT BY JILTED SUPERIOR LOVER

Mike Miselberg Fires Three Bullets Into Body of Sarah Berson, as She Flees From Room at 916 East Fifth Street—Flees Scene, Police Search Two Cities.

Man Gains Entrance to House Through Window—Awakened, Woman Flees Until Shot Down. Rushed to Hospital—Attentions of Man Rejected by Her.

Stealthily creeping into her bedroom while she was asleep at 1:20 o'clock this morning, Mike Miselberg of Superior shot and probably mortally wounded Sarah Berson, a domestic employed at the home of Morris J. Widdes, 916 East Fifth street.

Unrequited love is given as the motive which actuated the murderous deed. Two bullets took effect in the left forearm, splintering the bones, and another entered the left breast near the heart. The girl was taken to St. Mary's hospital after City Physician Murphy had temporarily dressed the wounds. Her condition is regarded as desperate.

Miselberger was arrested at 2:50 this morning by Joe Landry, toll collector at the Duluth-Superior bridge, as the man was on his way back to Superior. He offered the bridge tender \$20 to let him go. Patrolmen Montgomery and Eckard took him to police headquarters, where he was identified by Widdes.

"What did you shoot her for?" demanded Widdes. The prisoner replied by asking Widdes why he had refused to allow the girl to marry him. Miselberger took the officers to the place where he had thrown away the revolver which was recovered.

The Widdes family were aroused by the screams of the girl. As Mrs. Widdes ran to the little rear room occupied by the girl she heard three shots in rapid succession.

The girl, followed by Miselberg, ran into the passageway. She fell to the floor, and Miselberg, waving his revolver as he ran fled down the stairway and from the house through the kitchen. He had entered the house by removing a basement window from the outside.

Widdes said that the Berson girl had been going with Miselberg until a month ago, when she refused to accept his attentions. He sent a friend to see her a few days ago. The girl was told that Miselberg wanted to see her immediately, but she sent word that she did not wish to have anything more to do with him.

Police Lieutenant Barber immediately upon receiving the call at headquarters dispatched Jailer Wanvick and Patrolman Eckard to the Widdes home with Dr. Murphy. Peter Montgomery and Patrolman David P. Barber were rushed to the house in the police auto a few minutes later. Lieutenant Barber notified all patrolmen in Duluth and Superior to keep watch for Miselberg and the Duluth-Superior bridge was closely guarded with the expectation that he would try to make his way back to Superior.

Miselberg is a stone mason's helper and lives in Superior near Ogden avenue and Fifth street.