

STORY OF LOVE TRAGEDY IS TOLD BY MIKE MISELBERG

His Passion for Girl He Tried to Kill so Great That It Made Him "Cave Man," He Asserts.

Mike Miselberg loved deeply but unwisely. When the woman he adored and on whom he had showered gifts and other attentions dear to the feminine heart, repulsed him, he bridged the gap of more than a thousand years that separates civilization from barbarism. He became a cave man in principle, whose only law was to take by force what he wanted, and to mete out inexorable punishment to those who opposed him. For this he will have to pay with hard labor in the state penitentiary at Stillwater for not less than 5, nor more than 10 years.

Under cover of darkness, he crept to the room of the woman he loved to desperation. Waking her from her slumber, he fired. Two bullets took effect and he fled with the belief that he had killed her. That was his intention. Within an hour Sarah Berzon, age 19 was in a hospital with doctors fighting for her life, and Miselberg was occupying a prison cell.

She recovered her health, and he his reason. The grand jury indicted him on a charge of first degree assault. Yesterday he appeared before District Judge Pesler and changed his former plea of not guilty to a plea of guilty.

"I loved her so much. I could not stand it when she refused to allow me to see her," he told the court with the aid of an interpreter. "I don't know why I shot her, something seemed to hold me in its grip and compelled me to do as I did. I had bought her a ring, a watch and other jewelry and we were so happy, until she suddenly grew cold and told me I could not see her again. I could get no explanation, and I must have been out of my senses. A few days before I shot her I met her brother. He said he wanted to see me. We walked a short distance away and then he knocked me down. I don't know why he struck me. Yes, I shot her, and I suppose I shot to kill. I am sorry, but am ready to take my punishment." The court then ordered him committed to the state penitentiary under the indeterminate plan.

The Berzon girl was employed as a domestic in the home of Morris J. Widder, 916 East Fifth street. At 1 o'clock the morning of Nov. 10, 1914, the household was startled by the report of two revolver shots. Members of the family started to the girl's

room and met her as she staggered into the narrow hallway with blood gushing from a wound below the heart, and another through the left forearm.

Waving his meapen in a threatening manner, Miselberg dashed through the house and made his escape through a window on the first floor. He had entered the house by forcing open the window. The police were informed and Lieutenant Barber notified the Interstate bridge tender as it that the week will be a banner one, straight for his home in Superior. At the bridge he was arrested after trying to bribe the bridge man to let him across.

For a time it was feared that the bullet near the heart had struck a vital spot, but the girl rallied and finally recovered. Attorney B. M. Goldberg appeared for Miselberg yesterday and the state was represented by County Attorney Warren E. Greene.