

KILLS WIFE THEN SELF ON BIRTHDAY

Jealousy Said to Be the Motive for Boarding House Tragedy

Roomer Sees Husband Turn Re- volver Upon Himself When Rec- onciliation Fails

Frantic with jealousy while he and his wife, after three months separation, were discussing plans to again live together, Daniel W. Smith, proprietor of a Girard avenue pool room, yesterday morning went to 1230 West Howard street, where Mrs. Smith was staying, killed the woman and then, placing the revolver against his head, ended his life with a bullet.

Smith, according to an ante-mortem statement of his wife, made an hour before her death, fired the shots in a fit of jealousy. They had been separated for three months, and on Thursday night Smith went to the Howard street house to seek a reconciliation.

All night long, according to other occupants of the house, the couple quarreled. Shortly after 9 o'clock the sound of pistol shots were heard coming from the room occupied by the Smiths. A boarder ran upstairs and pushed the door open in time to see Smith place the still smoking revolver to his head and fire. He fell across the form of his wife, who was lying on the floor with two bullet wounds in her body. Smith's death was instantaneous. Both were hurried to St. Mary's Hospital, however, where the physicians examined the woman and said that her wounds would prove fatal.

Makes Ante-Mortem Statement

Magistrate Scott was hurriedly summoned to get a statement from the wounded woman.

"I refused to live with him unless he promised to do better. He was jealous," Mrs. Smith managed to gasp before she became unconscious.

The Smiths had been married fourteen years, both being thirty-one years old, the husband's birthday anniversary having fallen yesterday. It was his birthday anniversary which lead him to seek a reconciliation with his wife. They lived for some time at 3153 Livingston street.

Mrs. Smith went to Atlantic City and Smith continued to conduct his pool room at 138 Girard avenue. On Tuesday Mrs. Smith returned from Atlantic City, went to North Howard street and secured a room from Mrs. Anna Sterling. Smith, learning of his wife's return, went there and with the plea that as it was his birthday he intended to begin anew, sought to have his wife return to him.

As early as 7 o'clock in the morning the couple were heard quarreling again, and at that time, according to Mrs. Sterling, Smith drew a revolver, but was disarmed by his wife.

The shots which caused the death of the couple caused great excitement in the neighborhood. Policemen Bender and Tice, who rushed into the house, discovered that the woman was still alive and not being sure that Smith was dead ordered both removed to the hospital. It was said in the neighborhood of Smith's pool room that he had threatened to kill his wife unless she returned to him. Relatives of the couple admitted that they had separated but could not tell why they were living apart.