

LOOMIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE RIGID

Much Interest in Companion Who Was Traveling With Deceased at Time of Disappearance

New York, July 18.—Intense interest connects with the personality of William H. Ellis, who was in the company of F. Kent Loomis, the brother of the assistant secretary of state, aboard the Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, bound for Cherbourg, when Loomis suddenly disappeared. That the young man fell overboard, committed suicide or met death as the result of foul play are among the theories suggested for his strange disappearance.

Ellis and Loomis were bound for Abyssinia, conveying to King Menelik a treaty which was signed by the United States government at Washington and which was drawn in connection with certain concessions which had been granted Ellis by the king. Ellis landed at Cherbourg and declared that he could not in any way account for the disappearance of his colleague. After a short stop at Marseilles, he continued the journey to Abyssinia to deliver the treaty to Menelik.

Ellis looks like a mulatto, but claims he is a Cuban. Some time ago he went into a sort of partnership with Robert B. Skinner, United States counsel at Marseilles, in the negotiations with the wily old Abyssinian monarch, and it is said that he was disgruntled when the state department decided upon young Loomis as the man to deliver the treaty.

Ellis had an office for several years in the Drexel building in this city. At one time he was president of the Westchester Water company, and engaged in the brokerage business. One of the men with whom he was at one time associated in various transactions was Camille Weldenfeld, who was mixed up with George Alfred Lamb in the Northern Securities-Grand Northern-Northern Pacific litigation.

Years ago Ellis was employed by the late Henry H. Hotchkiss, inventor of the Hotchkiss gun. When the millionaire inventor died, Ellis became the business manager for the widow, who lived at the Plaza hotel, this city. Ellis accumulated considerable money, wore many diamonds, dressed conspicuously and cut a wide swath in Wall street.

He was entangled in the scandal of the woman Fayne Moore and her husband, who is now in Sing Sing prison, after their arrest on the charge of blackmailing the late Martin Mahon, proprietor of the New Amsterdam hotel. Ellis figured as Mrs. Moore's "friend from Cuba," and when the assistant district attorney referred to him as Mrs. Moore's negro friend, she became intensely indignant and insisted that Ellis was a Cuban gentleman of high degree.

In July, 1901, Ellis was arrested, the complainant being a young woman, who said she had gone to his office to answer an advertisement for a stenographer and had been subjected to indignities. The case never came to trial.

When Ellis sailed from New York he said that he would cross over from Europe into Africa. He had arranged with King Menelik that when he reached the Abyssinian border he was to be met by the king's bodyguard.

Ellis was born at Victoria, Texas and lived for many years at San Antonio. There he is known as a negro. His mother was very poor but through the interest taken in her son by white friends Ellis obtained a good education. He speaks Spanish fluently. His sister, who is very black, caused a sensation in Chicago some years ago when she attempted to associate with white students. Ellis attempted to colonize several hundred Alabama negroes in Mexico some years ago. Smallpox broke out among them and the majority died. The United States government brought the survivors back to Alabama.

Ellis' wife, who resides in Washington and New York, is a good looking white woman. She dresses gorgeously. Her antecedents are not known.

Would Break Neutrality.

London, July 18.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard, in a dispatch dated July 17th, says:

"The Russian guardship Chernomoretz passed through the Bosphorus from the Black Sea this morning."

(The Chernomoretz is a gun vessel belonging to the Black Sea fleet, and carries two eight-inch guns, one six-inch gun and seven quick-firing and machine guns. She is equipped with two torpedo-tubes, and carries a crew of 160.)

London, July 18.—The Standard's Tokyo correspondent, cabling under date of July 17th, says the Jiji Shimpoo, in an editorial, expresses the hope that Great Britain will see that Turkey leads Russia no assistance by allowing steamers of the volunteer fleet to pass the Dardanelles.

The Jiji Shimpoo declares that Great Britain is bound, under the terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance to prevent such assistance being given.

Platform Is Bad.

Des Moines, Ia., July 18.—A. W. Maxwell, who managed the Hearst campaign in Iowa, and has been generally recognized as the head of the Hearst faction in the state, in a signed statement issued last evening, repudiates the action of the Democratic national convention in St. Louis, and declares his intention of bolting the ticket. Mr. Maxwell tenders his resignation as a member of the Democratic state committee, and relinquishes all claims upon the chairmanship of that body, to which he was elected by the Democratic convention, but which has since been in dispute.

Mr. Maxwell says he can countenance neither the candidates nor the platform of the St. Louis convention. "The party has been bound, gagged and delivered bodily in the control of the very interest I have been fighting for the past eight years."

England Is Displeased.

London, July 18.—Almost without exception the newspapers this morning, in editorials or otherwise, commented upon the Russian volunteer fleet steamers passing the Dardanelles, and the government is urged to take action, especially for the protection of their commerce in the Red Sea and neighboring waters. The Daily Telegraph, concluding an outspoken protest, written with traces of governmental inspiration, says: "There is a limit to complaisance, when neutral commerce under the British flag is molested in a way to which we have been for a century and a half unused." Special dispatches from Berlin echo the feeling of irritation that exists in London.

Had Real War.

Tacoma, Wash., July 18.—The Ledger's correspondent at Camp Steadman says that, during the maneuvers Saturday after Troop E, Ninth cavalry (colored) had been ruled out of action by the umpires, they charged on the Washington troops and Nineteenth Infantry, and, with drawn sabers, slashed right and left among the infantry, creating a reign of terror for a few moments.

During the melee three members of the Second Washington and one regular were more or less seriously injured. The victims of the charge are: Sergeant John I. Fitch, Company A, Tacoma; struck in back by horse's hoofs and hurled about 20 feet. Private Walter Jones, Company C, Ellensburg, cut across head by sabre. Private Sexton, of Company F, Ho-

quiam; struck in the back by sabre, inflicting painful wound.

Private William C. Meade, Company A, Nineteenth United States Infantry; stabbed in left leg, below knee; confined to regimental hospital.

May Be Murderer.

Roseburg, Or., July 18.—A man giving his name as Williams, was arrested here Saturday evening on charge of having murdered Florence Wells at Grants Pass, last Wednesday. Sheriff Lewis, of Josephine county, arrived here yesterday and left on the evening train for home for the prisoner.

The man under arrest fills completely the description of the individual wanted. He admits having been in Grants Pass from Saturday till Tuesday, and that he was at the Wells woman's house, but claims to have left town the day before the murder. He was very nervous after being arrested and Sheriff Lewis is confident he is the man wanted, although the evidence is circumstantial.

STRUCK RUSSIAN MINES

St. Petersburg, July 18.—It is stated from a reliable source that a German vessel and a Russian torpedo boat have come in contact with the Russian mines at Vladivostok and have been sunk. Their crews went down with the vessels.

Russian Tornado.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—A Threni-goff dispatch reports the destruction of 150 houses with the loss of several lives by a tornado.

Died at Asylum.

Rachael E. Rob, of Oregon City, died at the state insane asylum Saturday night, aged 69 years. The remains were sent to Oregon City for burial.

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BEEF STRIKE PRESENTS MANY SERIOUS PHASES

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employees of the plant were allowed to enter this morning, on the condition that they engage in no work other than clerical. The general situation today is not considered ominous, and no call for the militia is likely.

Strained Feeling.

Kansas City, Mo., July 18.—The packers this morning are operating about as last week. Quiet prevailed in the early morning hours, but a feeling of tenseness is reported about union headquarters.

Situation at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., July 18.—There is no change in the strike situation this morning, and the best of order still prevails. The Union leaders say that, unless arbitration is again resumed at Chicago, they will call out all crafts-

men. This means thousands of more men will quit work. The packers secured 50 men since Saturday night, and are doing some killing today. The strikers' ranks remain unbroken.

Odds and Ends.

Irritation by a parasitic worm causes the growth of pearls.

A test has been made at Montreal of a device to check the speed of vessels in an emergency. The vessel's speed is checked by means of fins, controlled from the wheel-house, which open at right angles to the vessel's side.

A German investigator has recently discovered an exceedingly valuable and important property of aluminum, which consists in its application as a whitening agent, the effect produced on cutlery set with it being most astonishing.

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