

P. B. STRONG MISSING.

PAWNS MAY YOHE'S JEWELS AND DEPARTS.

LETTER RECEIVED SAYING THAT HE INTENDED TO COMMIT SUICIDE AND RETURNING TICKETS FOR GEMS.

Another chapter has been added to the romantic history of Captain Putnam Bradley Strong, the son of the late ex-Mayor William L. Strong, whose resignation from the United States army and subsequent trip around the world in company with Miss Maye Yohe have kept him prominently in the eye of the public. This last chapter, which fittingly caps the climax, includes the disappearance of Captain Strong and the discovery of pawn tickets covering some \$100,000 worth of jewels entrusted to his care by Miss Yohe, who is the divorced wife of Lord Francis Hope. At the end of this chapter comes the confession of Captain Strong that he had pawned the diamonds, and his sending the pawn tickets to his mother, together with a declaration that he intended to commit suicide. All this happened prior to last Wednesday, when the captain disappeared. Since then his movements are unknown, although the Pinkertons are searching for him.

The story of these incidents as confirmed both by the Yohe and their counsel, Emmanuel M. Friend, is as follows: For some time Captain Strong has been down on his luck. He has been a frequent visitor at the racetracks, and it is intimated that he has figured in several Wall Street deals. All these little excursions are believed to have been costly, and when Captain Strong called on Mr. Friend not long ago he expressed his intention of doing something desperate. Then followed the disappearance.

When Miss Yohe and Captain Strong returned to this city, on April 28, the former entrusted to the captain her jewels, which are valued at something like \$250,000, according to Mr. Friend. These were placed in a safe deposit vault, and, as it turns out, in Captain Strong's name. There they were supposed to have remained ever since. Last Tuesday Captain Strong told Miss Yohe that his mother was ill, and that he was going to the city on that account. Miss Yohe accompanied him, and they took luncheon together at Delmonico's. Then Miss Yohe returned to her home at Hastings, as Captain Strong declared that his mother would have to undergo an operation, and he intended spending the night in the city. This was the last Miss Yohe saw of the captain. On her return she discovered that his trunks had been taken from the house in her absence.

CONFESSES IN A LETTER.

The next morning she received a letter from Strong telling her that he had been using her jewels to raise money on, and that he had pledged something like \$100,000 worth of them. He closed his letter by saying that he was too ashamed of himself to face her, and intended killing himself. A similar letter was sent to his mother, in which were enclosed the pawn tickets for the jewels. Then Miss Yohe's mother, who has been living with the pair, went to Mr. Friend on Wednesday night, and he took the case in hand.

Mr. Friend at once communicated with the Strong's. The captain's mother and her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Shattuck, were spending the summer at Lenox. The jewels were located, and steps were taken to stop their being redeemed. It was found that a little less than \$10,000 had been raised on them. The next step is to open the vault and find out what had been taken, and what remained of the property entrusted to Strong's care by Miss Yohe. So far this has not been done, owing to the fact that the vault is in Captain Strong's name. It is not possible to say, therefore, how much has actually been taken, as the amount discovered is only about half the entire amount. The pawn tickets cover a period almost coinciding with the time the pair have been in this country. The last one is dated the day of the captain's disappearance, a circumstance which tends to weaken the theory that the captain has committed suicide. It seems apparent from these facts that the money that the captain has furnished for the support of the Hastings establishment has largely been drawn from the surreptitious pawning of Miss Yohe's jewels. It is intimated that just prior to his departure Captain Strong also succeeded in raising some money from his own family.

A SHOCK TO MISS YOHE.

The disappearance of Captain Strong was a great surprise and shock to Miss Yohe. They had planned to be married on September 26, the date when her divorce from Lord Francis Hope became effective. They had also decided upon a trip to Japan, and intended sailing on July 24. Miss Yohe is prostrated by the turn affairs have taken, but she does not believe in the suicide theory. She also denies the statement that Captain Strong has of late been suffering from the wound he received while serving in the Philippines.

A. R. SHATTUCK, CAPTAIN STRONG'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, WAS IN TOWN YESTERDAY, HAVING BEEN SUMMONED FROM LENOX. HE TALKED WITH MR. FRIEND FOR SOME TIME, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD WILL RETURN TO THE CITY ON MONDAY. HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN THE AFFAIR, AND DID NOT KNOW WHERE HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW HAD GONE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS AT HIS DIRECTION THAT THE PINKERTONS TOOK UP THE SEARCH FOR STRONG, ALTHOUGH THEY YESTERDAY DENIED ALL CONNECTION WITH THE AFFAIR.

EMANUEL M. FRIEND, WHO WAS SEEN BY A TRIBUNE REPORTER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, CONFIRMED THE MAIN DETAILS OF THE STORY OF CAPTAIN STRONG'S DESERTION OF MISS YOHE. HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH A. R. SHATTUCK AND THAT THE LATTER HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF STRONG'S WHEREABOUTS.

I DO NOT TAKE MUCH STOCK IN THE SUICIDE THEORY, SAID MR. FRIEND. "THE FACT THAT THE LAST PAWN TICKET IS DATED ON THE DAY STRONG WENT AWAY WOULD TEND TO DISPROVE THIS. OF COURSE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS MADE WAY WITH HIMSELF. MRS. YOHE, THE MOTHER OF MAY, CALLED AT MY OFFICE YESTERDAY MORNING AND TALKED WITH ME. NATURALLY, SHE FEELS VERY BITTER OVER THE AFFAIR. I LEARNED OF IT FIRST AT HASTINGS, WHEN I WAS CALLED TO THE HOUSE AT HASTINGS.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN THE STORY THAT STRONG HAS BECOME RECORDED MISS YOHE'S FAMILY, AND FOR THIS REASON DENIED MISS YOHE. THE STRONGS ARE JUST AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS WE ARE. THERE WAS A STORY THAT CAPTAIN STRONG WAS TO GET INTO THE HOUSE OF HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW AT NO. 19 WASHINGTON SQUARE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THAT IS NOT TRUE. IT WAS A MESSENGER FROM MISS YOHE."

STEPS TO SAVE THE JEWELS.

Mr. Friend was reticent as to the details of the discovery of the pawned jewels, although he admitted that they had been located, and that steps had been taken to prevent their being disturbed. He said, however, that no movement had been made to arrest Strong, and that the police had not been informed of the affair. In

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Two government warships put to sea and give battle.

LIFED BY PADDLE WHEEL.

DECKHAND AND PRISONER HE RESCUED FROM SUICIDE DRAWN UNDER JUST AS BOAT STOPS.

While being taken to the Workhouse on Blackwell's Island, to serve a sentence of ten days, John Perazzo yesterday undertook to end his life by jumping into the East River. He was rescued only after a desperate struggle in the water with his rescuer, and after there had been almost a panic among the other shore term prisoners on the city boat Minnabonack.

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Some of the details of the accident were obtained from Captain Hill, of the Belgenland, soon after she reached port, but he could not devote the time just then to give a complete account. He said that he sailed from Philadelphia on July 5. With favorable weather a good trip was in prospect, and on the morning of July 9 the vessel was in latitude 40-57, longitude 51-07, near the Western Islands. Then the shaft broke. The fracture was in the intermediate section south of Sable Island, the passage was made repairs by placing shut bands over the shaft. The machinery was started. In half an hour the engine was again in motion, and the vessel was able to proceed. Further efforts to make repairs were fruitless, and for the next four days the steamer lay drifting, while constant watch was maintained by the crew. During this trying time the officers say, the passengers behaved in an admirable manner. No rough weather was encountered, which is considered fortunate. Twice a distant light was seen, and signals were made, but apparently they were not seen, for no help came.

On Sunday, July 13, at 2 a. m., a light was sighted and four sky rockets were sent up, and the vessel was seen. The Scholer's captain learned of the situation he decided to abandon his voyage and to go to the aid of the Belgenland. He left at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, lines were in position and the steamers started back. The weather continued fine, and save for heavy seas encountered on the coast of Nova Scotia, the passage was made without mishap. Soon after the Scholer had taken the Belgenland in tow a Beaver Line steamer and a Danish steamer bound to Philadelphia were sighted.

Of the passengers on the Belgenland, ninety of the first class will proceed to Liverpool at the first opportunity, and forty will proceed to their homes.

The Scholer will proceed at once for her destination after coaling.

Miss Lothrop, who is conducting the tour of the Art Students' League party on board the Belgenland, said she expected the whole party would continue the trip to Europe. She said that though many of the women of the party had not been to sea before and were seasick, all conducted themselves well after the accident, and few if any had been frightened from the trip by their experience on the Belgenland. The steamer was a touring party which summer, but this is the first that decided upon Europe. Most of the members of the party hail from Buffalo, but there are some from Illinois and from Oswego and one from New-York. Miss Lothrop is treasurer and superintendent of the league, and the other passengers praise her highly for her coolness and presence of mind. She kept the women in good cheer while the ship was drifting.

George Bridgeman, of New-York, said the captain and crew acted well, and worked hard, and every attention was paid to the safety of the passengers. He spoke highly of Miss Lothrop's quieting influence among the women.