

"A YOUTHFUL LIVINGSTONE.

DIED OF JUNGLE FEVER IN THE WILDERNESS OF COLOMBIA.

The readers of this and other newspapers will recall with pleasure a series of travel sketches written from the wilderness of British Guiana and Venezuela and published over the name of G. Frederic Russell. They will recall with a smile his picturesque account of the swizzlers and the swizzers of Georgetown. They will remember the story of his difficult and dangerous voyage up the river Portaro to the gold mines in the rank jungles of Guiana, and the story of his journey along the Schomburgk line into the fever-haunted swamps of the Orinoco.

One of his letters told how deadly the fever had been in the wilderness of Colombia, where he was then staying, and how the only American there beside himself had died on the day of his arrival. It remains for this brief chronicle to tell why his pen has been laid aside forever. He had recovered from one attack of fever and was on his way to new fields of discovery when he was prostrated again with that deadly scourge of the tropics. He died at Turbo, on the river Atrato, on January 11 of the present year. He was on a river steamer in an effort to make the nearest consulate, where he might find purer air. He died in his state-room, attended only by a native, as nearly as can be ascertained by the meagre reports that have come, the second night after going aboard. He knew that death was coming, and gave directions regarding the disposition of his effects and met his fate with the brave spirit of a hero.

He was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, December 10, 1874, and was therefore only twenty-two years old. He was preparing for college, when, at seventeen, he had to abandon his studies to take up the more serious work of life. He began work in Philadelphia as a reporter on the *Public Ledger*, and afterwards on the *Philadelphia Press*, and finally became connected with the *North American*.

He had a decided leaning towards literature, working with astonishing patience and good success at stories and