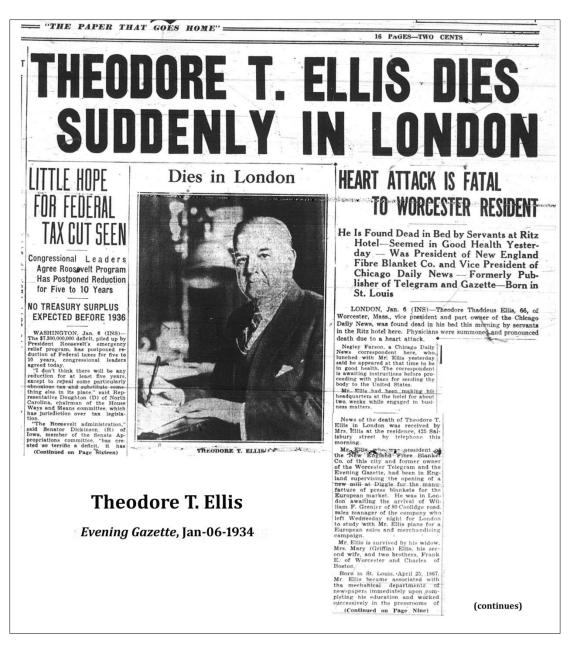
Theodore T. Ellis (1867-1934)

Theodore Ellis purchased the *Telegram* from Austin Cristy in November, 1919, and the *Evening Gazette* from George Booth the following year. Thus, he was the consolidator of the city's two largest dailies. In 1925 Ellis also bought the city's only radio station, WCTS, from its owner and founder, the C. T. Sherer Co., and soon renamed it WTAG. As Al Southwick put it, "The grand design of Ted Ellis was complete." But Ellis, according to Southwick, was also finding that "he wasn't really cut out to be a publisher, to handle the endless, gritty details of running a newspaper and dealing with the public." In December, the papers announced the sale of Ellis' entire interest in the *Telegram and Gazette*, including WTAG, to George Booth and Harry G. Stoddard. Booth brought expertise and experience in the newspaper business and Stoddard brought the financial capital.



THEODORE T. ELLIS DIES IN LONDON

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papers in St. Louis, Brockton, Boston and Worcester before he invented the fibre press blanket which brough him his fortune and his advancement in business circles.

World Tour With Navy

His first position was that of pressman on the St. Louis Chronicle where he remained from 1886 until 1889. He then went on a world tour with the United States Navy, remaining in China and Japan for 18 months.

He returned to this country in 1890 and obtained a position in the press room of the Brockton Enterprise where he remained until 1897. He went from Brockton to the Boston Herald, staying there until 1900, when he came to Worcester as foreman of the press room of the Worcester Telegram.

He remained there until 1907, during which time he had invented and started making as a sideline his press blanket on which he has exclusive patents. His employer advised him to stop making the blankets or give up his job and he decided to enter into the wholesale manufacture of his invention. He was invented and patented many other printing press improvements.

He established in 1907 the New England Fibre Blanket Co., and through the sale of the blankets amassed a considerable fortune. On Nov. 17, 1919, he purchased the Woncester Telegram from his former employer; the late Austin P. Cristry, at a reported price of \$1,000,000 in cash. The following year, on Dec. 31, 1920, he purchased The Evening Gazette from George F. Booth and John Day Jackson of New Haven, Conn., and combined these two papers for the first time.

Sold City Papers

About five years later, on Dec. 5, 1925, he sold the Worcester Telegram, The Evening Gazette and Sunday Telegram to Mr. Booth and Harry G. Stoddard. In August, 1931, with Frank Knox, president of the Manchester, N. H., Union

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Leader Publishing Co., he purchased the controlling interest in the Chicago Daily News. He held the office of vice president of that company at the time of his death.

Other business positions of Mr. Ellis were chairman of the board of the Royal Worcester Corset Co., president and treasurer of the New England Woolen Fabric Co., the New England Fibre Blanket Co., vice president and director of Danico Corp. (Delaware), director of the Worcester County National bank, St. Pierre Chain Corp., Worcester Bank & Trust Co.

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He was the owner of a notable herd of pure bred cattle, among them "Green Meadow-Lustre," a world champion Guernsey cow. He was an art collector and the owner of one of the most valuable collections of pictures in America. One of his possessions, a Raphael "Madonna," was said at one time to be worth \$500,000.

His clubs were the Worcester club and the Lake Shore Athletic club of Chicago. His home was "Knollwood" in Worcester.

Mr. Ellis made his home at "Knollwood" a large estate on Salisbury street, which he purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont L. Stackpole on June 26, 1928.

MAYOR REGRETS DEATH OF MR. ELLIS

Mayor Mahoney issued the following statement today on the death of Mr. Ellis: "I learn of the death of Theodore T. Ellis with a great deal of regret. He was a member of the Parks & Recreation commission and his service was of a high type. Mr. Ellis gave faithfully of time and effort to the enlargement and beautification of our large recreational system, displaying the real true spirit of a public servant. I have proudly called him one of my best friends. His loss will not only be a personal one but will be felt city-wide for his influence, friendship and generosity had no bounds. He will be missed."