

STEEL STOCK HOLDINGS

Big Distribution Changes Made Since 1902.

RE-ELECT ALL DIRECTORS

Judge Gary Reports Fine Outlook for Corporation During Present Year.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the United States Steel Corporation yesterday in Hoboken the retiring directors were re-elected.

It was in June, 1902, in the course of the trial of the case of Miriam Berger against the Steel Corporation, brought to prevent the proposed conversion of \$20,000,000 of preferred stock into bonds, that the last of the information concerning the distribution of the stock of the most gigantic corporation in the world developed.

The largest holders in 1902 were those of the house of Marx, Bittel, Mills & Co. of London, amounting to 237,818 shares of preferred stock and 249,292 of common. In yesterday's list, corrected up to March 15, this house is shown to hold only 18,498 shares of preferred and 42,400 of the common.

Among the large holders of common stock, outside of the above, are the following: Lazarus Freres, 14,429; Nathan Allen, 14,250; George F. Baker, 20,000; J. B. LeMay, 10,000; Henry Phelps, 4,500; Lawrence C. Phelps, 32,000.

Judge Gary, in response to a suggestion that he should make a statement regarding the corporation's affairs, said that the policy of publicity now pursued in the giving out of quarterly reports and occasional general information was calculated to afford all stockholders equal opportunity for knowing the conditions. He added, in part:

"I have no objection, however, to saying that we have no reason to anticipate trouble from any source, nor any reason to suppose that our business prospects will be any poorer than they are at the present time. Our effort all the time is to do our business in such a way that we cannot reasonably be criticized by any one who is interested in our affairs—criticized by the stockholders, by the employees, by our competitors, by our competitors or by the general public. We believe that in the long run, if we transact business in that way and at the same time keep the public fully advised from time to time in regard to our affairs, we will receive such treatment as we deserve."

"At the present time our mills are running practically to their capacity. We have nothing in sight at the present time to indicate that our business during the whole of this year will not be very good and entirely satisfactory."

"At the time the United States Steel Corporation was organized we had a capacity of about 25,000 tons a day; at the present time we have a capacity of about 42,000 tons a day, and our manufacturing capacity has been increased by investments made from our earnings. So you will see from the statement I have made that our opportunities for success are much greater at the present time than they were when we were organized."

"We believe we are well secured against trouble in the future from any direction. The stockholders of this corporation have the opportunity at any time of securing information which is proper for them to receive. No officials receive advance information and profit by that information."

The directors re-elected yesterday were E. C. Converse, E. H. Gary, J. Pierpont Morgan, J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., George W. Perkins, Alfred Clifford, Henry Phelps and Thomas Morrison. The board will meet on the last Tuesday of this month for the election of officers, when it is understood the present officers will be chosen for another year.

CASH GAVE 'EM A SHOCK. Director "Thrown Out" Tells in Suit How He Helped Café de l'Opera.

Another echo of the financial troubles of the Café de l'Opera was heard yesterday in the Supreme Court, where Walter J. Rich is suing the United States Restaurant and Realty Company for \$25,000.

Verdict Against M. J. Garvin. A jury in the Supreme Court returned a sealed verdict for \$7,000 yesterday in favor of Oscar Blumer against Michael J. Garvin, Tammany leader of the 35th Assembly District.

THE ATLANTIC TRANSPORT LINER MINNEHAHA, WRECKED OFF THE SCILLY ISLANDS.

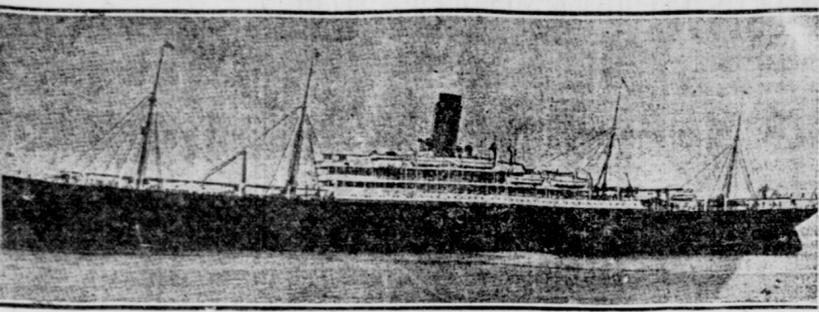


Table listing stockholders of the United States Steel Corporation, including names like E. H. Gary, J. Pierpont Morgan, and various companies with their respective shareholdings.

MAP SHOWING THE SCILLY ISLANDS. Place where the MinnehaHA struck is indicated by a black cross. The passengers were taken to Bryher Island.

SCILLY ISLES

As the resources of the little island permitted. The livestock, which made up a large part of the cargo, was landed on Sampson Island. Shipments of wax and machinery, which filled boxes Nos. 1 and 2, were jettisoned, as the vessel continued to make water forward.

SAVED FROM MINNEHAHA SUNDAY DASES EXPLORED

Police Find 29 Moist Spots—File 504 Excise Complaints. Of the 264 Sunday violations of the excise law in the city reported yesterday by the police 221 were in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, 116 were in Brooklyn, 63 in Richmond and 4 in Queens.

Most of the complaints were for violation of that section of the law requiring an unobstructed view of the interior of barrooms from the street. These numbered 26 in Manhattan and the Bronx, 11 in Brooklyn, 6 in Richmond and 4 in Queens.

An examination of the engine and boiler rooms appeared to show that their equipments were intact, and that the damage to the vessel was limited to the forward hold.

The MinnehaHA struck at almost the identical spot where her namesake, a sailing ship, was driven ashore some thirty-seven years ago.

In an interview to-day one of the purser's staff said: "The weather was so thick that land was not sighted until we found the ship close alongside a high crag, probably Maiden Bower or Shipman Head. Immediately the well was sounded and it was seen that the steamer was making water. When we felt the rock beneath us the boats were lowered and the women first placed in them. Then the male passengers were taken off. By that time boats from Bryher had arrived, and they piloted the MinnehaHA's boats to shore. The latter subsequently returned to the wreck and were loaded with baggage and provisions. The food was required, as the resources of the islands were overtaxed by the unexpected influx of castaways."

The MinnehaHA was built to make fast time, but is patronized by many who prefer a leisurely transatlantic voyage. She is considered one of the stanchest vessels of the Atlantic Transport Line, and Captain Layland is regarded as a careful and experienced navigator.

The Scilly Islands and rocks in their vicinity occupy about forty-seven square miles and lie about thirty miles westward of the southwest extremity of England. The group consists of forty-eight islands, of which only St. Mary's, St. Agnes, St. Martin's, Treason and Bryher are inhabited.

TEL. & TEL OFFICIALS HOSTS

Dinner for Prominent Men in Western Union and Bell Companies. The officers of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company tendered last evening a dinner to the officers of the Western Union and Bell companies at the Hotel Astor.

About sixty persons were present, among them U. N. Bethel, president of the New York Telephone Company, who acted as toastmaster; Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Colonel R. C. Clowry, president of the Western Union; H. B. Thayer, vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; R. E. Sunny, president of the Chicago Telephone Company; G. W. Lovett, general counsel of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Elydevide Brooks, general manager of the Western Union; A. F. Thurber, vice-president of the New York Telephone Company; H. A. Halligan, vice-president of the Western Electric Company; H. D. Estabrook, chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; E. Y. Gallagher, auditor of the Western Union; C. D. Bois, controller of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; C. H. Wilson, general superintendent of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; J. P. Van Every, Thomas F. Clarke, G. W. E. Atkins and A. R. Brewer, all Western Union officials.

ACID BURNS KILL CHILD

Two-Year-Old Girl Spills Bottle of Carbolic Over Herself. Frances Harney, two years old, spilled a bottle of carbolic acid over herself in her home, No. 87 Park avenue, yesterday afternoon, and died an hour later from the burns at the German Hospital.

The child's father was too overcome last night to make a clear statement of the accident. He said his wife was in another room when she heard the little one's screams. She rushed up to her daughter and found her garments covered with the acid. She then picked up the child and hurried from her apartment on the fourth floor of the house to the hospital at 77th street and Park avenue. The case was reported to the coroner's office.

MISTRIAL IN BLACK HAND CASE.

The jury which has been hearing evidence for a week in the trial of Bennett C. Silver, charged with having attempted to extort money by letters signed "Eperantia, King of the Black Hand," reported to Judge Swan after three hours' deliberation yesterday that it could not agree, and was dismissed. This was Silver's second trial, and he probably will not be tried again.

CRACKE SWORN IN BY LOEB.

Frederick J. W. Kracke, Naval Officer of the Port, was sworn in yesterday by Collector Loeb. There were present in addition to Mr. Loeb George W. Wamaker, Appraiser of the Port, and James S. Clark, who was Surgeon of the Port. There were several floral gifts from friends and employees. Mr. Kracke was appointed by President Roosevelt in 1906, and reappointed by President Taft for a further term of four years before the first term was ended.

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SEVEN ON WOLTER JURY

Youth Accused of Ruth Wheeler's Murder on Trial.

HELPS LAWYER SCAN PANEL

Defence Exhausts Twenty-two of Its Challenges—Box May Be Filled To-day.

Seven of the twelve men who will decide the fate of Albert W. Wolter, charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, were selected yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, where Wolter is on trial. It is expected that the jury box will be filled to-day, and the first witness may be called late this afternoon.

Wallace D. Scott, Wolter's lawyer, delayed the selection of jurors by his examinations of forty-seven talemans. He used up twenty-two of the thirty peremptory challenges allowed to him by the law. Wolter advised his lawyer in the selection of the men and at the end of the session seemed well pleased with the day's work.

Mr. Scott was disappointed by the panel of talemans, as he had hoped there would be more young men and not so many who had families. In his challenges he reminded the talemans that one of the principal witnesses for the state would be Katherine Miller, the woman who lived with Wolter until he was arrested in connection with the disappearance of Ruth Wheeler.

In the process of eliminating talemans it was also brought out by the defence that the prosecution would be called on to establish beyond a doubt the identity of the body found on the fire escape adjoining the apartment at No. 24 East 75th street, where Wolter and Katherine Miller lived.

Judge Hastings Procedure. After the rollcall of the talemans was completed Judge Warren W. Foster said he understood the trial would not be a long one, and that he would receive only legal excuses from the men who had been summoned. Then he ordered the stenographer to ask the first three questions, which relate to name, age and occupation of the talemans, and the fourth, whether or not a talemans believes in capital punishment.

William V. Kulp, a structural engineer, who lives at No. 327 West 124th street, was the first talemans who met with the approval of Wolter. Frank Moss, the Assistant District Attorney, in charge of the prosecution, passed the talemans over to Judge Scott for further examination.

Mr. Kulp said that he did not "exactly" believe in the death penalty. Then he said that he knew of no reason why he could not give the defendant a fair hearing.

After the juror had satisfied the court that any opinion which he had formed could be removed by evidence, Mr. Scott consulted with his client. Wolter regarded the witness as favorable. He inquired about the talemans' family, and then urged his acceptance.

Mr. Scott used up five peremptory challenges before Charles K. Harris, the song writer, was called. Wolter insisted in turn to the examination of the talemans, and then whispered to L. H. Saper, who is helping in his defence, that the man would make a good juror.

Juror Has Two Daughters. Mr. Harris said that he had two daughters, thirteen and fifteen years old. He added that his mind was open on the question of the murder of Ruth Wheeler, and that he would give the defendant a fair trial. Wolter appeared satisfied with Mr. Harris, who was accepted as juror No. 2.

A number of talemans were rejected before Francis Hagen, the president of the Hagen Manufacturing Company, at No. 46 East 13th street, was called. He said that he had formed an opinion, but would discard it if sworn as a juror. After Mr. Scott had consulted with Wolter, he asked Mr. Hagen if he would give the defendant the benefit of a reasonable doubt. Judge Foster prompted "if the court so directs."

Mr. Hagen was then accepted, and a recess was taken until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Henry T. Van Pelt, employed as a manager by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, qualified as the fourth juror. His appearance and the answers which he gave to Mr. Scott's questions led Wolter to think he would be acceptable.

The selection of William C. Campbell, of No. 216 West 11th street, took up little time. Mr. Campbell said he had "peculiar views of punishment of any kind." This pleased Wolter, and when Mr. Campbell explained that he would obey the law, regardless of his opinion and that he would bring in a verdict according to the evidence he was accepted as juror No. 5.

A number of talemans were challenged peremptorily before Frederick H. Fortmeyer, fifty-six years old, who said he was the assistant treasurer of the National Lead Company, was called. Mr. Fortmeyer said he was not married and he had not read much about the death of Ruth Wheeler.

Joseph Feldman, a manufacturer of pads at No. 127 Broadway, was the last juror chosen before the session was adjourned. When he was accepted Mr. Scott had only eight peremptory challenges left and the prosecution had not used up any of its challenges.

LAWYER HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Marvin E. Parrott, an attorney, accused of grand larceny on the grounds that he obtained money from various persons under pretence of giving them employment if they would deposit a cash bond with him, was held in \$1,000 bail for the grand jury by Magistrate Herrman in Jefferson Market court yesterday afternoon. The original complaint of grand larceny made by E. W. Thomas was dismissed, and the complaint made by Louis A. Buettnier, of No. 39 Linden street, Tonkers, substituted.

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CHINESE ENVOY STEPS IN

Attache of Legation in New York to Settle the Tong War.

The Chinese government has interested itself to such an extent in the Tong war in New York's Chinatown that Wu Chang, the first attache of the Washington legation, is here trying to adjust the troubles between the On Leong Tong and the Four Brothers. He has been sent by Chang Yin Tang, the Chinese Minister, and has full power to make a settlement. There was a conference yesterday in the joss house at No. 18 Mott street, at which Wu Chang, representative of the Tong and several well known men of Chinatown were present. It is expected that conferences will continue over three or four days until a decision is reached.

"The legation is taking no sides in the matter," said Wu Chang through an interpreter. "All that is wished is to have peace and to enforce justice. The task is a difficult one and will require time."

Further than this he was reticent, but it is remembered that at the time of the old treaty between the On Leongs and the Hip Sing Tong it was reported that the trouble-makers were told their relatives in China would suffer if the New York shootings did not stop.

Terence J. McManus, of No. 126 Broadway, the lawyer who figured in the Bow Kum trial, was busy yesterday at work on a new treaty, modelled on the old treaty of 1903, but with some enlargements.

"We are doing all that we can to end the trouble," said Lock Wing, the Chinese vice-consul. "Conferences have been going on ever since the shootings, and I have been working until midnight every day."

The aid of the Chinese Benevolent Society of this city will also be enlisted in an effort to restore peace among the warring factions. It is expected that that organization will make certain recommendations as to the best methods to adopt.

PRINCE WRITES FOR WIFE

City Clerk Gets Letter from "Gentleman Without Fortune." City Clerk Scully received yesterday a letter from St. Petersburg, written in French, which, translated, read as follows:

Prince Royal Michael de Lussignan, Prince of Chypre of Jerusalem and of Armenia, and another one in Paris, married an American woman who is very rich (fifty-seven years of age; a gentleman without fortune).

After receipt of details I will send photograph. The House of Lussignan became extinct more than one hundred years ago. There are several pseudo Princes de Lussignan, one of whom was the head waiter not long ago of the leading hotel at Milan. There is an American woman, who derives a certain income from the fees which he obtains from persons who are foolish enough to accept his orders of knighthood, which are as valueless as his claims to the title of King of Jerusalem. The said Lussignan at St. Petersburg is of the same stripe, and any American woman foolish enough to accept the offer contained in the above missive will find on her arrival in Europe that she has purchased a gold brick, since her husband has no social standing and no authentic titles, such as are recognized in any of the courts of Europe or even in relatively smart society.

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SAYS HARMON DIDN'T PAY

Woman Seeks \$21,000 for Ending Breach of Promise Suit.

Clifford R. Harmon, a prominent real estate dealer, was the defendant yesterday in the Supreme Court in a suit brought by Miss Blanche R. Freeman for \$21,000 for breach of contract. The money was due her, she said, under an agreement which he induced her to enter into under which Miss Freeman's breach of promise suit against Harmon for \$10,000 was discontinued in 1907. Harmon subsequently married a daughter of E. C. Benedict.

Miss Freeman said that Harmon promised to pay her \$100 a month for life in consideration of her withdrawal of the breach of promise suit. The plaintiff said that the defendant also promised to pay \$1,000 to furnish an apartment for her. Relying on these promises, declared Miss Freeman, she executed a general release of her claim against Harmon, but insisted that the promise to support her was a separate contract.

Harmon entered a general denial of everything except the general release, the consideration for which, he said, was \$100. On the stand Miss Freeman told of meeting Harmon on March 12, 1907, at his request, which was after she had begun her breach of promise suit. It was on that occasion, said the witness, that the defendant made the proposition for the withdrawal of the suit. On March 18, 1907, she met Harmon at the office of her counsel, Graham & Lamoreaux, where Harmon paid \$500, which, however, she insisted, was for counsel fees and disbursements.

Robert P. Buell, who had charge of Miss Freeman's affairs in the office of Graham & Lamoreaux, testified that he was present when she signed the release. He said that the \$500 was paid to his law firm as fees and disbursements.

Harmon denied on the stand that he ever promised to provide an apartment for Miss Freeman or to support her. He said that Miss Freeman told him that she needed money and would sign a release of her claim for \$500.

QUEENS COMMISSION IS OUT

Homer, Deputy in Tax Office, Dismissed—Other Cases Undecided. Deputy Tax Commissioner Richard A. Homer, of the Queens office, was dismissed by the Tax Board yesterday. The charges against him grew out of the fact that in November, 1908, some property owned by him in Middle Village was assessed for \$5,000, whereas later a real estate expert retained by Homer testified in proceedings to condemn part of the property for city purposes that the entire parcel was worth \$15,000.

Deputy Commissioner David L. Godlier, who under assessed the property, was also tried on charges, but no verdict has yet been rendered. Deputy Commissioner Michael J. Dugan was charged with appearing as counsel for Homer in the condemnation proceedings, where he should have been working for the city. His case is also under advisement.

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