

COREY TO HEAD MIDVALE STEEL AFTER BIG DEAL

Percy Rockefeller and E. C. Converse in \$18,000,000 Buying Syndicate.

NEW OWNERS WILL BUY MORE PLANTS

Company to Make Enlargements and Go After Munitions Orders.

William Ellis Corey, one time president of the United States Steel Corporation, has been lured back into the steel business by the immense profits being made in prospect in armament work and is to head the reorganized Midvale Steel Company, while Percy Rockefeller, son of John D. Rockefeller and nephew of John D. Rockefeller, has started a new departure for his branch of the Rockefeller family by entering the steel field as one of the leading interests in the syndicate that has gained control of Midvale.

E. C. Converse, formerly president of the Bankers' Trust Company, is associated in the syndicate, together with leading interests in the National City Bank. Mr. Corey was not in town yesterday to confirm the report that he will take the active direction of the reorganized Midvale company, but it was learned on the highest authority that this is the present plan.

The Midvale plant is one of the best equipped in this country for the production of high grade steel, armor plate, big guns and other ordnance. The plan of the powerful syndicate is to make it a much larger corporation.

To Take Over Other Companies. Plans are on foot for taking over other companies. Money is to be put into the plants of the present company for additions and enlargements. The resulting company is to be in a position to take orders for large quantities of war and defense materials from this country and Europe.

It was denied yesterday that the Midvale company will merge with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, in which John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., are in control. It was denied also that the Midvale company is to be merged with the Crucible, Bethlehem, Cambria or Baldwin companies.

The original syndicate which got an option on the stock control of the Midvale was headed by William A. Read & Co. and Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler. Read referred inquiries yesterday to his Philadelphia partner, Roland L. Taylor.

The price said to have been paid for the company was \$18 a share, or over \$18,000,000. The original plan was to be sold to another syndicate was modified. It is understood, the first syndicate was organized to take over the Midvale, but remaining in and the Rockefeller interests.

A final broadening of the syndicate brought in Mr. Corey and Mr. Converse. It is understood that the profit to the members of the original syndicate has already been about \$2,000,000.

Little War Business Done. The Midvale company, though well fitted to supply big guns and armor plate to the Allies, has done little war business. Charles F. Conroy, president, has been led to refuse this business because of his family ties.

Mr. Corey's Wall Street yesterday that Mr. Harrah has two daughters, one is married to an Englishman, the other to a German. Out of deference to the wishes of the latter, it is said, he has not gone in for war business.

The new interests will, however, go in hard for all the big war business available. It is understood that the banking connections of the new interests are to be obtained are bound to be large.

The company will be reorganized. The capital, now approximately \$10,000,000, will be increased. It is believed in Wall Street that a plan similar to that followed in the Electric Boat Company will be adopted. After E. C. Converse and associated interests got control of that company a new corporation was formed and the stock of the old company was given for one of the old.

William Ellis Corey resigned from the Steel Corporation presidency about five years ago. He was once regarded as opposed to the leading interests of the company, though not in an active way. He remained as a director of the Steel Corporation for several years, but resigned last year. He is regarded as one of the most able steel men in the country.

Since his retirement from activity in the steel trade Mr. Corey has interested himself with E. C. Converse, Ambrose Monell and others in large promotions, chiefly of a mining and exploration nature. He has an office with these men at 14 Wall street.

It was said definitely yesterday that the sale of Cambria Steel has nothing to do with the Midvale deal. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company holds control of both the Pennsylvania Steel Company and the Cambria. It was said yesterday that the railroad has no present intention of parting with the Pennsylvania Steel Company, though willing to sell Cambria at a price.

CAMBRIA STOCK SOLD. Pennsylvania Road Disposes of Block—Schwab Not in It.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER BACK AGAIN SNAPPED BY THE CAMERA ON HIS ARRIVAL AT TARRYTOWN FROM CLEVELAND WITH HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, MADELINE PRENTICE, WHO IS CARRYING A DOLL ALMOST AS LARGE AS HERSELF.



J. D., JR., GAY AS BOY ROCKEFELLER BACK, AT A MINERS' DANCE BUT IS MUTE ON LOAN

Marches in Colorado Diggers' Parade and Nurses Hungarian Baby. Tarrytown—Little Say to Interviewers.

Denver, Sept. 24.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., marched last night at Cameron, Col., in a street parade given in his honor by hundreds of coal miners headed by a band. Then he attended an entertainment in the schoolhouse, where he sat through most of the program, holding the sleepy baby of a Hungarian miner on his lap. Finally he made a speech, which he ended with a request for "an old fashioned dance."

"My wife is 2,000 miles away," he said, "and I feel like having some fun." The miners' orchestra struck up "Tipperary" and Mr. Rockefeller grabbed the prettiest girl in the room and started the dancing.

"Those boys think they're playing 'Tipperary,'" he said laughingly, "but they're really playing 'It's a Long, Long Way to Broadway.'" The capitalist danced for more than two hours with the wives, sisters and sweethearts of the miners—representing fifty different nationalities.

Mr. Rockefeller took part in the miners' street parade on the impulse of the moment. He was dining at the home of a miner when the miners' band started to play and he was told that there was to be a parade.

Mr. Rockefeller suddenly noticed that the reporters were in the parade.

Marches With a Miner. "Here, that's not fair," he shouted. "Let me in on that, too."

He caught by the sleeve a big Irish miner dressed in grimy overalls and pulled the man into the little girl to his side. "Here, keep step with me," he commanded. "Fair up like the rest of them; that's it."

"If I had a linen duster and a high hat I'd think I had joined a military band," added Mr. Rockefeller. At the entertainment, which preceded the dance, one of the miners' children of the edge of town was very ill. Immediately he inquired of the company physician whether the man could see any one. When told that the man could see any one, Mr. Rockefeller left his companions and walked alone to the miner's house and stayed at the man's bedside for half an hour.

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PRINCETON STUDENT DIES AFTER RUSH

Heart Disease Given as Cause—May End All Similar Class Contests.

EVENTS CALLED OFF

Victim Had Been at the University for Only Three Days.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 24.—Rockton Wells of Madison, N. J., a freshman in Princeton University, died at 5 o'clock this afternoon from an attack of heart disease induced by participation in the annual freshman-sophomore election rush.

Hardly had the freshmen made their attack in an attempt to gain the inside of the gymnasium before some of his classmates noticed Wells' collapse and he was immediately hurried out of the fray. Medical assistance was forthcoming immediately under the direction of both town and university physicians and restoratives were applied and artificial respiration continued for an hour and three-quarters before he was pronounced dead.

A careful examination of the body by physicians failed to reveal any sign of fracture or injury of any sort with the exception of a slight abrasion on one hip.

It has been ascertained that Wells was sickly throughout childhood, having had several injuries affecting the heart. At one time he had been removed from school because of this malady.

Wells attended the high school in Madison for a time and the Princeton Academy, where he had only been in Princeton three days. His mother, Mrs. C. W. Wells, was notified immediately and arrived in Princeton in the early evening. Wells' father died last spring.

As a result of Wells' death the rush was called off. Tonight the quadrangle around the cannon which was gleams with red and green lights, used to illuminate the cannon rush, is dark. The authorities have announced that the cannon rush will be postponed until the year will occur, and the senior council, the student self-government body, will consider the question of eliminating rushes from Princeton entirely.

There are two freshmen-sophomore "rushes" at Princeton each year, one at the beginning of the school year and the second on the evening of that day. At the elections rush the freshmen attempt to force the sophomore class to get into the gymnasium to vote. Foot fighting is forbidden, but football tactics are freely employed.

The election rush is for the cannon in the center of the Princeton quadrangle. This is an organized affair and frequently results in minor injuries to participants, but no one has ever been seriously injured, directly or indirectly, for a death.

Several Princeton "customs" have been abolished in the wake of the "rush parties" on the banks of Carnegie Lake and the freshmen-sophomore fight after the annual baseball game between those classes.

When asked about the incident, Mr. Rockefeller stood in front of the car steps while the photographers snapped away. Mr. Rockefeller said he was glad to be back home. He also expressed pleasure over the reports of his son's trip to Colorado. He helped Miss Spellman over the third rail and thence to the crossing, where his car was waiting to take them to Pocantico Hill.

After a short rest in his house he started on a tour over his estate, stopping at the home of his old neighbors.

T. R. BAGS A BULL MOOSE. Colonel Returns to Quebec After an Exciting Hunting Trip.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—President Wilson's "club cars" have replaced the jitneys on the New York Central.

MARION ODELL, 15, MISSING. Distant Relative of Ex-Governor.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—The jitney, relegated to the scrap heap by prohibitive legislation, is to be replaced by the "club car" on which made their bow to the public to-day.

Any one can approach the driver of a club car and become a member of the People's Automobile Club by paying 25 cents. In return he receives a card of membership with five complimentary tickets for rides in a motor club car.

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VON MACKENSEN'S ARMY HURLED BACK

Germans Forced to Abandon Territory in Poland, Berlin Admits.

HINDENBURG PUSHES ON

Tentons Are Closing In on Dvinsk—Russians Recapture Luzk.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's iron fist today narrowed around Dvinsk through the storming of Russian position northeast of Smolnia, in which 1,000 Russians were captured. The Teutons' grip around the city, which is the key to Riga and perhaps to Petrograd, is being tightened. The extreme stubbornness, however, with which the czar's forces are opposing the German headway, although Petrograd conceded Dvinsk's impending fall almost a week ago, indicates that the numerical strength of the defenders is considerable and shows that their communications, despite the loss of the lines to the south must be excellent.

The German army pursuing the retreating forces of Wilna made progress to-day, according to the official Berlin report, but in that railway triangle, too, the Russians are putting up a tenacious and gallant fight. The German admission that Russian attacks were "temporarily successful" at one point.

Von Hindenburg's forces are making headway southward. Prince Leopold's army is reported by Berlin to-day to have broken the Russian rear at the early stage of the battle. The shadows an early junction of his forces with those near Novogorodok, on the Lida-Baranovitcha sector.

VON MACKENSEN CHECKED

Field Marshal von Mackensen suffered a setback to-day in his movement toward Luninets, the key to Rowno, the only fortress in Volhynia still in Russian hands.

The territory Von Mackensen gained yesterday, when he advanced to northeast and east of Rowno, will not last longer in his hands, Berlin admits, and adds that the Russians in an encircling attack took two officers and 100 men.

That news of the Russian success was able to record a considerable change in their favor in the north and west, inasmuch as they succeeded in checking the Teutons' enveloping sweep, at some places even pushing their opponents back, their southern army evidently has gained an important success over the Austrians in Galicia and the Austro-Germans in Volhynia.

Reports from Petrograd to-day asserted that Luzk, the western corner of the Volhynian triangle, had been recaptured by the Russians. This could not be confirmed. It is believed, however, that the Austrian official admission that the city had been recaptured by the Russians in that region is a withdrawal in that region is the forerunner of announcements from Petrograd of an important success, having been driven into the Austrian line.

Petrograd claims progress in the violent Russian offensive northwest of Dvinsk, with the capture of 1,400 men and three machine guns. Further south, southwest of Kremenets, they also report progress and the capture of 102 prisoners.

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GERMAN WAR OFFICE REPORT

The official statement issued to-night by the German War Office follows:

Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: Southwest of Luninets, the village of Iose and Strazga, which had been temporarily evacuated, were again recaptured.

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LEAPS OFF BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Salesman Ends Argument With Wife by Suicide.

Frank Cavanaugh, 33, a salesman, of 402 Third avenue, Brooklyn, jumped from Brooklyn Bridge at 1:30 o'clock this morning. His body was not recovered.

WILSON A NIMBLE CAR DODGER

Cavanaugh was riding across the bridge from Manhattan to Brooklyn on a surface car with his wife. Passengers in the car said that the couple had been quarreling and that the car had been blowing smoke into his wife's face.

GREEK ARMY MOBILIZED AS REPLY TO BULGAR MENACE; RUMANIAN CABINET MEETS

Hellenic Government Notifies Allies Measure Is One of "Prudence."

GERMANS PLAN TO CRUSH ENEMIES BY BALKAN COUP

Berlin Opinion Is That Victorious March to Constantinople Will Check British Effort and Perhaps Bring Early Peace.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—German newspapers copies of which have just reached London give insight into the views of the German high command on the real object of the Austro-German endeavor to win Bulgaria as an ally in the passage of the Central Powers without England's fleet being able to prevent it.

The most interesting articles are those proclaiming the impending "junction" of the Central Powers with Turkey. The Berlin correspondent of the *Hamburger Fremdenblatt*, for instance, in a long article captioned "The Final Fight Begins," says:

"The shells which have been hurled across the Danube introduce the most important and perhaps even the last chapter of the world war."

After saying that the attack is so violent as to demolish very speedily the whole Serbian people the writer proceeds:

"But in reality Serbia's fate is still only of minor importance. Much more is at stake. It is a matter of the Balkans and of the Dardanelles. It is a matter of the fate of the final decision of the world war."

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WIRELESS 'TIPSTERS' GET BRITON'S \$7,000

Man Here to Buy Autos for War Made the Victim of an Old Game.

Claude Cleburn of Bath, England, expert on motor cars, arrived in New York early last month on a mission to buy automobile parts for his Government.

Yesterday, accompanied by three detectives, Claude Cleburn picked out two cars on Broadway, which he suspected were for grand larceny, alleged to have been committed while they were teaching him the secrets of getting rich through a secret system of betting on the races.

According to the war agent's story, he paid a hurried trip to Detroit, where they make motor cars, but he could buy Government's money as directed. Then he returned to this city and one day on Broadway near Fifty-third street while he was inspecting a motor car in a show window some one with an English accent accosted him and asked him for directions to a certain address.

Cleburn could not direct his supposed fellow countryman, but he could buy him a drink. They went to get it and developed that the stranger knew both perfectly and was all sorts of good chap. A few nights later in a restaurant the friend pointed out a person at another table—"a chap that used to be a betting commissioner in London."

He cleaned up a pile and now he's over here to make a killing out of these sporting Yankees.

The two met. It developed that Cleburn was willing to make a smallish bet. He put \$65 into a triangular pool and the stranger came back with a crisp \$1,000 bill. Nobody had changed so the stranger kept the bill for later settlement. It was arranged a day or so later that they should pool \$5,000, of which Cleburn says he agreed to furnish \$7,000. He had only his letters of credit, so they took his word as a gentleman.

The next day the "man who had cleaned up a pile" joined them and announced gleefully that they had won \$25,000, of which Cleburn's share would be \$25,000. They went to an uptown hotel to settle. As they entered the bar the second friend turned on Cleburn with the question:

"I say, old man, suppose we had lost on this little affair? How should we have got out of it? You could stand your bit, 'eh? You got a bit of cash on me now," replied Cleburn. "I'm a man of word, really. Here it is." And he held up a \$1,000 bill.

"Let's have it so we can settle up. And, by the way, excuse us for a moment, will you? I've got to send a message."

Three hours later Cleburn left the hotel, after seeking vainly for his friends. He reported his case to the police and moved to a cheap hotel. Every day since September 18 he has walked Broadway with Detectives McGehee, Leonard and Boyle, hunting for his British friend. Yesterday he pointed them out.

At Police Headquarters they gave the names of John Lee, 42, a salesman living at 14 West 171st street, and Charles Smith, 38, also a salesman, living at the Hotel Plymouth, 261 West Thirty-eighth street. They will be arrested on a charge of grand larceny in the West Side court to-day.

POPE WILL REBUILD THE CHURCHES

Rome, Sept. 24.—The Pope has written the Archbishop of Paris stating that he will rebuild the churches ruined in the war.

MEN UP TO AGE OF 50 CALLED OUT BY SOFIA

Opposition Leaders Warn Ferdinand His Throne Is in Peril.

BUCHAREST LIKELY TO DECIDE TO-DAY

King Calls His Ministers to Consider Action in Balkan Crisis.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—In contradiction of statements made yesterday that Bulgarian mobilization had been deferred a Havas Agency despatch from Sofia says the Bulgarian official journal published a decree to-day ordering the mobilization of the classes from 1890 to 1912 inclusive. Greece has replied to the Bulgarian move by an order mobilizing the twenty classes of the Greek army.

The action of Greece is welcomed by Balkan experts here. Events in the Balkan peninsula are becoming a refection on a small scale of those in northern Europe preceding the outbreak of the present war.

King Constantine signed the mobilization decree last night, following an audience granted to Premier Venizelos. The Premier told the King that mobilization was the only possible reply to Bulgaria's move, and King Constantine agreed, making the condition that the Greek step should be regarded as a defensive measure. Gen. Danglis, Minister of War, later took the decree to the palace, where the King affixed his signature.

It is expected that the King will summon the Greek Parliament to meet to-morrow. The classes of Greek troops are with the colors, in addition to the twenty classes now summoned.

"A Measure of Prudence." Despatches from the Greek foreign office to the legations in London and Paris, referring to the mobilization decree, say that the action of Bulgaria inside if incumbent upon Greece to take similar action as a matter of prudence.

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The semi-flood *Paris* of Athens interprets the Greek move as indicating that the mobilization has been reached to meet Bulgaria's move, and that Greece intends to defend her own rights and also fulfill her treaty obligations with Serbia.

An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

The Greek classes have been proclaimed, compelling the action of the Parliament on Wednesday to pass an act of martial law and to put at the disposal of the Government all the railways. The transportation of merchandise has been forbidden.

Bulgaria is said already to be sending troops toward the Serbian frontier, having received all the necessary orders to the border.

Although no definite news of Rumanian attitude has come from Bucharest, a despatch from the Rumanian capital says that King Ferdinand has called the Cabinet to confer with him to-night. It is expected that a decision will be reached at this conference which will define Rumanian position in the event of an invasion of Serbia by the Bulgars.

Sofia despatches say that the mobilization order issued to-day takes in all classes as far back as 1890, thus including the classes of the fifty years.

The *Salonica* correspondent of the *Paris Temps* places the practical strength of the Bulgarian army intended for the Balkan campaign at 200,000 men, with 1,000 cannon. According to this correspondent, Gen. Hoy Adjiief has been selected as commander in the field.

Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, late this afternoon gave out a statement calling for a loan of \$3,000,000,000, the largest financial operation in the world's history.

With a total of \$3,000,000,000 and additional small amounts not yet reported, he pointed out, it exceeds Germany's last loan, which was generally looked upon as a remarkable feat of financing.

He added that England's war expenditures hitherto had been hardly less than those of Germany, "and soon will exceed ours." He emphasized that all subscribers had been entirely voluntary, not the least pressure "from above" being exerted.

"England cannot class us Germans among her poor relations," exclaimed Dr. Helfferich in the course of an interview to-night. The success of the German war loan, he contended, would greatly help along the German-American situation, as the independence Germany had proved financially was bound to impress Americans, in whose history independence "is the first word."

The above figures make the total of contributions to the three German war loans up to date \$6,272,500,000. The first loan closed in September, 1914, and amounted to \$2,000,000,000. The second loan, closing last March, amounted to \$2,140,000,000.

BATTLESHIP MICHIGAN LEADS

Wins First Place in Emergency—Georgia Ahead in Gunnery.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The battleship Michigan has won first place in battle efficiency for the last year, according to announcement made at the Navy department to-day. The battleship Texas stood second.

In the torpedo class the destroyer Patterson led, while the submarine K-5 won first place in vessels of that class. In gunnery the battleship Georgia led, with the Texas again in second place. The Patterson was first among the destroyers and the K-5 led the submarines.