

Merritt Sent Word to Oil King That "When I Steal For a Living I Will Steal For Myself"—Then Lost His Property.

The house committee investigating the steel trust will invite John D. Rockefeller to tell how he got hold of ore and railroad property valued at \$700,000,000 and now owned by the steel corporation.

This declaration was made by Representative Stanley, chairman of the probers, after the committee had heard Leonidas Merritt, with a bitterness that lent emphasis to his utterances, and at times fairly beside himself with pent-up rage, tell a personal narrative of his dealings with Rockefeller and how the latter had forced him out of business in Minnesota.

With the expressed determination of the chairman to have Mr. Rockefeller appear, the committee adjourned not to meet again until after Congress convenes.

The lands and railroad properties involved were controlled and largely owned a few years ago by Alfred and Leonidas Merritt. The former declared and the latter reiterated that the "oil king" got the properties by calling a loan of less than \$1,000,000 in the panic days of 1892, although the Merritts said that they had been assured by Rev. Gates, chief almoner now for Rockefeller, that they would not be pushed for the loans.

Alfred Merritt also declared his belief that Rockefeller had closed the financial world to him so that he could not redeem his properties within the year allowed by Rockefeller.

It also was declared that the Rev. Gates, who figured in the witness' account as the intermediary of the "oil king," who brought about the crushing of Merritt and his brother, Alfred Merritt, would be summoned as a witness.

Mr. Merritt declared that it was after he had turned down a proposition from Mr. Rockefeller, which he characterized as "stealing," that Rockefeller called upon him to pay a million dollar loan and brought about his downfall. The proposition, Mr. Merritt said, came through Rev. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's almoner.

The witness said that Gates outlined to him how Mr. Rockefeller and his interest could throw him and his brother out of the company to protect other interests, but as they had borne the "burden and heat" of the day, he believed that they should reap the benefits.

"Gates said Mr. Rockefeller would rather deal with us," Merritt continued, "and if we would deal with him we could remain in the company and be taken care of. In order to do that he said we would have to do the will of Rockefeller. I listened in amazement when he said that if Rockefeller protected us the stocks of others would be thrown down, and he mentioned the names of several men. My brother, who was present, turned to Mr. Gates and said:

Called Deal "Stealing."

"Mr. Gates, we've got laws in our country. To do what you want to do would land us in jail. Mr. Rockefeller with his \$70,000,000 can't make us do that."

"I turned to Gates and said: 'Mr. Gates, you came from John D. Rockefeller. Go back to John D. Rockefeller and tell him that when I steal for a living I will steal for myself.' "It was soon after this interview that I was notified that we would have twenty-four hours to take up our Rockefeller loan. There I was with all my stocks up—stocks that I have never seen since. I didn't have money enough to get home with. Gates seemed to be amazed to think that I would not do what he wanted me to do and at one time told me I would have to walk home on the ties."

Merritt said that he had never been able to realize just how Rockefeller took over his stock.

"I know I went to New York thinking we were worth several millions. After it was over I was left without a cent. I hadn't even fare home, and when I got home my people wouldn't have enough for car tickets. I was a wreck physically and mentally for a long time. My brother, Cassius, a stronger man than I, died from the shock of the affair."

Representative Beall asked Merritt whether he understood when he put up his collateral with Rockefeller that it was only for a short time, and he said that he so understood.

"I was assured all the time," said Merritt, "that the collateral would be up only a short time. Gates told me that. Gates was my Rockefeller."

"What was the value of your securities put up to cover that Rockefeller loan?" asked Mr. Beall. "About ten million," Merritt answered.

"Then your negotiations with Rockefeller lasted only a few months?"

"Yes."

"At the end of that time did you own the railroad?" "No."

"What did you have?" "I had a chance to walk from New York to Duluth on the ties. That was all I had in sight."

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CHARTER NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on December 6, 1911, by John P. Kelley, Thomas F. Kelley and Logan M. Kelley under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations" approved April 23, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Bon Ton Supply Company," the character and object of which is the establishing and conducting a general store and mercantile business, to wit: The purchase and sale of merchandise for personal, household or other use and ornament, and generally such articles of merchandise as are ordinarily dealt in by department stores at wholesale or retail, or both, and for these purposes to have and possess and enjoy, all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. 56-44-3t HARRY KELLER, Solicitor.

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