

MONEY KINGS  
STEEL WAR  
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OLD GRUDGES, REVIVED

Two Former Trust Heads in  
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Analysis of rumors and reports arising from the sales of the Midvale Steel Works of this city and the Cambria Steel Company today indicates that two enormous new steel concerns, worthy rivals of the United States Steel Corporation, are in the making.

The greatest captains of industry in the United States are behind these plans, forming two powerful groups, one of Pennsylvanians and one of New Yorkers, in a race for supremacy in the manufacture of munitions.

On one side are the Morgan interests, headed by W. E. Corey, former president of the Steel Trust; E. C. Converse, Percy A. Rockefeller, Ambrose I. Modell and Frank A. Vanderlip.

On the other side are Charles M. Schwab, Alfred du Pont, head of the great powder-making interests, and Edgington B. Morris, president of the Gibraltar Trust Company and director of numerous railroads and steel companies.

Midvale has been sold three times within the last few weeks, according to the New York World. William A. Read & Co., and Montgomery, Clothier & Co. first bought control for \$10,000,000. They added \$10,000,000 to this figure. They then sold to Percy A. Rockefeller and the "City Bank group" of New York financiers.

The price then was jumped to \$22,000,000 and control of the company transferred to the Converse-Corey-Monell party, backed by the Morgan interests.

REFUSED WAR CONTRACTS.  
Midvale Steel has taken no war contracts so far. A daughter of Charles Jefferson Harrah, president of the company, is married to a German. It is said to have been the reason why the company would not accept war contracts.

With the Midvale out of the bidding, Charles M. Schwab has had virtual control of the munitions situation. Midvale is one of the few plants outside of the Bethlehem Steel Company that is provided with modern equipment for armor plate and heavy ordnance. Here, actually all plate for Government battleships is made. It has been a rival to Schwab in peace times, but it did not compete with him in the war.

According to the World, relations between Schwab and the Morgan interests have been distinctly unfriendly since his elimination from the United States Steel Corporation in 1903. But at the outbreak of the war, when the Morgan interests became the financial agents of the Allies, it was found that Schwab was indispensable to them. The Pennsylvania steel king took full advantage of this situation, it is said. He exacted his own price for war material. For a year the Morgan interests, helpless, have had to meet his figures.

MORGAN FORCED TO BUY.  
This condition decided the Morgan interests to buy up the Midvale and thus become independent of Schwab, it is said. It is now apparent that Mr. Schwab became aware of some question. He immediately became active, but no inkling of the stupendous contest for supremacy in the making of munitions of war leaked out until Mr. Schwab yesterday came to this city and conferred with Mr. du Pont and later with Mr. Morris.

The plans of this Pennsylvania group are no whit less ambitious than those of the New Yorkers. Henry C. Frick, said to be the largest individual stockholder of the Pennsylvania Railroad and associated with the interests about to obtain control of the Cambria Steel Company, is said to be with the Pennsylvanians.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city is said to be included in the plans of the Pennsylvanians for a great combination to compete with that being created by the Morgan interests. It is believed, naturally, being made to keep details secret until the plans are consummated. Albs B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, adopted his customary policy when questioned. He declined either to deny or affirm the report that the works had been or was about to be sold.

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Document Antedates Other  
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Mrs. Caroline Karst Kammerer, who says she is the widow of Edward Bromley, multimillionaire manufacturer, has in her possession a will naming her as chief heir to his \$10,000,000 estate, friends of "Mrs. Bromley" declared today.

They said the document is of later date than the one filed in the office of the Register of Wills, which they do not recognize what she claims are her rights as the common law wife of the dead textile man.

Neither affirmation nor denial of the report could be obtained from I. Irwin Jackson, "Mrs. Bromley's" attorney. She is said to have gone to Atlantic City to avoid importunities of a horde of persons who have attempted to offer her investment opportunities since her claim to a share of the Bromley fortune became known. The telephone in her home has been removed.

"We do not need this second will, anyway," said Mr. Jackson. "We have discovered new evidence to prove Mrs. Bromley's contention that she was Mr. Bromley's wife."

Married in Elkton  
ELKTON, Md., Sept. 25.—Couples married in Elkton were William Oscar Bear and Dorothy F. Sprul, John J. Lacy and Miss F. Adelsack, George M. Maybin and Marie L. Phillips, John H. King and Miss Alice McLaughlin, Thomas A. Aquino and Elizabeth K. Bawman and Edward McLaughlin and Mary Sweeney, all of Philadelphia; Walter L. Hall and Ethel Mays, Camden, N. J.; Carter B. Pawling, Reading, and Sarah E. Nease, Pottsville; Thomas H. Meredith and Neva Mervin, Wilmington, Del.; Vernon Bergen and Elizabeth Heath, Yardley, Pa.; Andrew M. Downie and Susan A. Veschel, Chester; John G. Atwood and Clara A. Juerksen, Elkton.

Youth Who Annoyed Autoists Held  
One of a gang of youths who threw mud on the path of automobiles on North Broad street was captured after a chase and held today in the City Jail by Magistrate Joseph J. Park and Lehigh avenue.

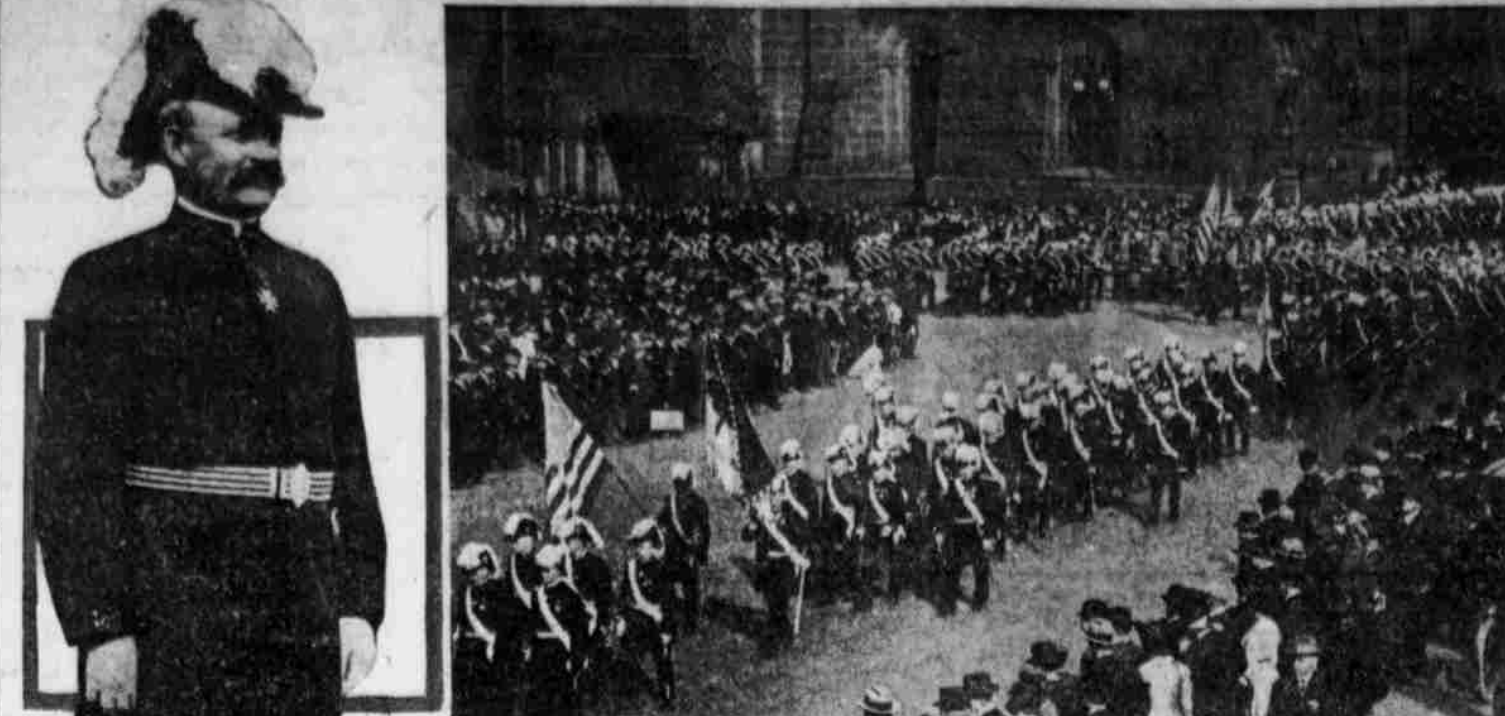
1000-Pound Boulder Falls on Man  
A boulder weighing 1000 pounds dropped a distance of 40 feet into an excavation at 414 Chestnut street, where the foundations for the new Franklin Bank Building are being laid, and injured a workman.

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Delay of 15 days in the civil trial of Henry Clay, Carl R. Wiggins and Willard H. Walls has been made possible by the action of Judge Anderson in granting the defendants that period in which to file answer to the city's bill in equity.

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