## THE GREAT POWDER ROMANCE OF STRONG MEN AND MILLIONS

Continued from Page One Frenchman and his wife, a group of Rus-gians or an Englishman probably sent to Wilmington to Inspect explosives prior Wilmington to Inspect explosives prior to their being shipped to Europe. Again, there may be a vivacious group of operatic stars who are to perform in the evening at the playhouse in the du Pont Building. Other guests include a bond salesman or two from New York or Philadelphia, and a considerable number of men who have come to Wilmington to transact business with officials of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

It has already been said that there are few evidences of "war bride" wealth in Wilmington. This is true, but there is nevertheless a small group of men in that city connected with the powder company who have "cleaned up" fortunes since the outbreak of the war in Europe.

P. S. DU PONT THE LION. In this group Pierre S. du Pont, president of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., stands out conspicuously. In the current issue of the American Magazine current issue of the American Magazine the statement is made that he "has prob-ably profited more by the war than any other individual in the country." That is putling the case mildly. Pierre S. du Pont and II other directors

Pierre S. du Font and II other directors of the powder company are defendants in the suit now pending in the District Court of the United States in Delaware. Philip F. du Pont, of Merion, Pa., and some eight other members of the du Pont fam-

eight other members of the du Pont family are attempting to force Pierre S. du Pont and his "associates" to turn over stock valued at more than \$50,000,000 to E. I. du Pont de Nomours & Co.

The stock in question was purchased less than a year ago from T. Coleman du Pont, former president of the powder company, for about \$14,000,000. It is alleged that Pierre S. du Pont and the other defendant directors betrayed their trust to the stockholders of the powder company by voting down an offer by which the cumpany itself might have obtained this stock in order that they might acquire it for themselves and realize huge profits on these "war brides."

REALIZED \$20,000,000.

Whether or not the allegation is true Pierre S. du Pont and his "associates" bought the stock in question and it has increased in value by about \$10,000,000 in the last 12 months. It is asserted in Wilmington that Pierre S. du Pont kept the "lion's share" of these holdings, and that he has personally realized more than \$20,000,000 by the deal.

But that little transaction by no means represents Pierre S. du Pont's only iron in the fire. He personally owns a block of stock in the powder company amount-ing to many thousand shares, and has realized on these in the same ratio as he did on the holdings acquired from T. Coleman du Pont. Some iden as to the extent of these personal holdings may be derived from the fact that Pierre S. du Pont and the other defendant directors referred to are now reputed to control attock issue of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. This stock issue comprises 800,000 shares of common stock and 100,000 shares

of voting debenture stock. The remainder of the stock of the \$20,000,60 corporation is in non-voting depenture stock. Another source from which the tremendoug wealth of Pierre S. du Pont was acquired is found in his interests in the Atlas and the Hercules Powder Com-panies, which were created from the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company by the Federal dissolution decree of 1912. The stockholders in the original powder company kept their stock, and in addition received many million shares in the newly created companios. This "gift" stock of the Aflas Powder Company and the the Atlas Powder Company and the Hercules Powder Company is now selling in the neighborhood of \$250 and \$130 a share, respectively, and bas, of course, paid handsome dividends in the meantime. Stock in the du Pont Powder Company obtained in 1912 has now realized a cost profit of about 500 are next.

ash profit of about 500 per cent. Pierre S. du Pont is also credited with having a large interest in the Actna Powder Company, which was formed shortly after the outbreak of the war in Europe. His coustn, Lummot Belin, is a vice president and treasurer of the new company and as Diegra S. du Pont recompany, and as Pierre S, du Pont re-cently Married Lammot Belin's sister the tie between the two has been made stronger than ever. No one ventures to estimate the amount of money that the president of E, I, du Pont de Nemours & Co, may have made during the last

The number of similar enterprises with which the name of Pierre S. du Pont is connected is too great to mention. It is the common statement in Wilmington that "he himself doesn't know how many millions he makes a week." Some say millions he makes a week." Some say he has made \$50,000,000 in the last year; others assert that he has "only" realized about \$30,000,000.

THE STORY OF RASKOB, Another striking figure in the "get-rich-quick" group of the powder com-pany is John J. Raskob, treasurer of the corporation and a member of the Finance Committee. He was "found" by Pierre S. du Pont, and brought into the employ of the company as his secretary in 1902.

Time and again the story of the finding of Raskob has been printed. It is said he was a conductor on a street car in Lorain, O., and that he first came to the attention of Pierre S. du Pont when he returned change for a \$5 bill given him a week before. The story has never been satisfactorily substantiated, however. As far as any one is able to learn, Raskob was born in Lockport. New York. His father is said to have kept a cigar store there. Raskob learned stenography, and finally came into the employ of the Lorain Steel Company, in Lorain, O., and is thought to have met Pierre S. du Pont when with that company.

company.

Raskob had a valuable asset in the friendship of Pierre S. du Pont. His advance in the company was rapid, and finally culminated in his appointment to the board of directors and positions on the Finance and Executive Committees of the corporation. When Pierre S. du Pont resigned as treasurer of the powder company to assume the presidency made vacant by the resignation of T. Coleman du

Pont, Baskob was elected to the position.

Raskob is one of the defendants in the suit now pending in the United States District Court. The preliminary steps in the Hillantion have shown that when the defendant directors floated a loan through Morgan & Co. in order to purchase the stock of T. Coleman du Pont, John J. Raskob personally guaranteed the securities put up as collateral to the extent of \$140.000.

Even a better indication of the wealth acquired by Raskob is seen in arrangements now being made on the outskirts of Wilmington for the erection of a \$400,000 home for this new millional c.

THE RISE OF SHARP. Another who is in the "purple-trimmed Imousine" class in Wilmington is H. Rodney Sharp. He was born of parents in moderate circumstances, who lived on the lower peninsula of Delaware. In 1908 he married Isabelin Mathieu du Pont, a sister to Pierre S. du Pont, and his star of good fortune began a speciacular rise. He became affiliated with the powder commany and is now assistant treasurer. upany and is now assistant treasure: of the corporation and a stockholder in the du Font Securities Company. The outward manifestations of his bettered condition appear mainly in his automo-biles and in additions to his residence. Gibraltar.

Even more interesting is the story of W. W. Laird. He was the son of a clergyman and never arose above moder-

principal defendant in the "du Pont suit."

The Laird residence is an elegant one on the outskirts of Wilmington. The Laird automobiles are also the finest to be had. W. W. Laird recently purchased a large farm near Wilmington for his sister, and for his brother, who is a clergyman, he secured two Episcopal parishes. One of them is Emanuel's parish and the other the old du Pont's par-ish of Christ Church.

CARPENTER'S CAREER.

R. R. Morgan Carpenter, who is an in-dividual defendant in the present litiga-tion brought against the 12 directors of the powder company, has also had an interesting career with that corporation He was at one time associated with Irenee du Pont in the Manufacturers' Contracting Company, of Newark, N. J. This company had done some construction work for the powder company and was finally bought out by that corporation. Carpenter married Margaretta Lammot

du Pont, a sister to Pierre S. du Pont, and upon becoming "one of the family" found a series of valuable berths with the powder company. He entered in the develop-ment department and eventually was made head of that branch of the business. He now figures as a member of the Executive Committee and a director of the

owder company. Similar instances of rapid rise in the powder company might be told of Charles powder company might he fold of Charles Copeland, who married Louisa d'Andelot du Pont, a fourth sister to Pierre S. du Pont; of William Coyne, head of the traffic department of the corporation; of Harry F. Brown and of Irenee du Pont, Each of these men has had the "personal interest" of Pierre S, du Pont to ald their own ability in making places for themselves among the other millionaires

Out near the Wilmington Country Club is a little settlement of very fine houses. They are occupied by Lammot du Pont, Irenee du Pont, Charles Copeland, W. W. Laird, A. Felix du Pont and Mrs. William K. du Pont, widow of a brother to Pierre S. du Pont, This group of resi-Pierre S. du Pont, This group of resi-dences represents wealth acquired in the main before the outbreak of the war in Europe. All Wilmington is now expect-antly awaiting the moment when the houses may be rebuilt or enlarged on the \$400,000 scale which John J. Raskob has established as the pace for the "D. C." (du Pont Common) millionaires who have so recently come into existence.

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Wimington beasts a few other multi-millionaires, but these are chiefly those who acquired their fortunes prior to the who acquired their fortunes prior to the advent of "war bride" stocks. Among them is Alfred I. du Pont, recently deposed vice president of the powder company, who aroused the animosity of the defendant directors of the corporation by petitioning the United States District Court for permission to become a party plaintiff in the litigation against Pierre S, du Pont and his "associates."

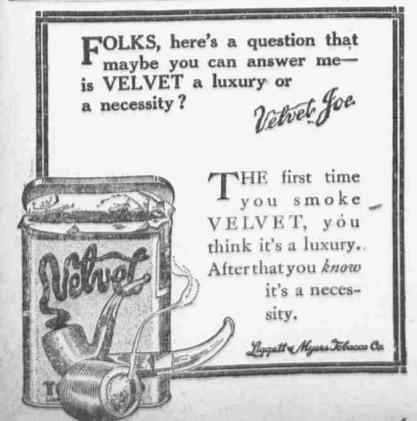
Alfred I. du Pont's estate, near Wilmington, comprises \$60 acres of land and one of the linest houses in Delaware. His wealth, acquired in the main through the development of the powder company since 1992 (when he bought the business for about \$12,000,000, is now estimated at something better than \$75,000,000.

T. Coleman du Pont, who also claims

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Wilmington as his residence, is reputed to hold a great fortune, despite the fact that he sold all of his Loidings in the powder company. He is said to be sole owner of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, with more than a half billion dollars in assets, and is also credited with having extensive interests in neveral banks and trust companies of New York edg.

There are millionaires and multimillionaires in Wilmington without question, but Mr. Common People of that city has as yet noticed no sprinkling of gold pieces in gutters or other accessible places. He is on the outside looking in and vainly hoping that the bulging coffers of the powder company and those of its principal stockhoiders will explode after the manner of the powder which has been the basis for this wealth, and that there will be a rain of gold of sufficient magnitude to enable him to purchase at least one "war bride." one "war bride."

The fifth and concluding article will ap-

# U. S. ASKED TO APPROVE JERSEY SHIP CANAL

State Board Confers With Officials on Bordentown-Raritan Bay Route

Conferences were held in Washington oday between Secretary of War Lindley I. Garrison, Secretary of the Navy Jo-State Board of Commerce and Navita-tion of New Jersey in the interest of the construction of the ship canal across that State from the Delaware River at

neer, Benjamin F. Cresson, Jr., of Jersey

Smith told the two Secretaries and the Congressional delegation that the survey for the ship canni had just been com-pleted and the centre line of the route properly marked. The board stated it favored a sen level canni 25 feet deep and 125 feet wide at the bottom, and asked for the acceptance by the Federal Government of the line as surveyed.

### INDEPENDENCE CLOCK STOPS

Passersby Get a Jolt When Famous Timepiece Fools 'Em for Once

Hundreds of persons, who are in the habit of setting their watches by the clock in Independence Hall tower, were surprised today on finding that it had stopped at 11:59 o'clock.

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course of two hours it was running again as usual.

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Hospital Statistics Show Reduction by Half in Month

Weather conditions have reduced the number of grip and pneumonia patients by half in the leading hospitals of Philadelphin. The number of patients in all the hospitals is less than one-half the number in the leading hospitals during the last week of December, when the epi ic was at its height. A comparison

There is no need of going South these days to break the grip. The record-break-

ing weather of the last eight days has done it.
The very celd weather during the first

part of January served to a great extent to break the grip of "La Grippe" on Philadelphia. "Good" grip weather, according to phy-

that State from the Delaware River at Bordentown to the Raritan Bay near South Amboy.

The board also asked the United States Senators and Congressmen from New Jersey to support the movement. The Jersey to support the movement of the germs will be carried in the dust to all sides, being breathed in and thus giarring the disease.

The weather in the last week of Description of the support of th

cember was typical of grip weather. Thou-sands became ill and hundreds died from grip and pneumonia. freezing spell, which drove away the



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..... For Women \$27.50 Suits at \$15 Of serge, poplin, mannish mixtures, gabardine and broadcloth, trimmed with fur, braid, velvet and novelty buttons. Also belted Russian effects, with patch pockets and military collars.

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c...... \$5.50 Suits and Polo Coats at \$3.98

Two-Pant 17 rfolk Suits in brown and gray cassimeres and cheviots.

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Various styles in fine nainsook;
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