

DUPONT FACTION TO APPEAL CASE

Followers of Pierre Contend There Was No Moral or Legal Breach

SCORED BY U. S. JUDGE

Chief Defendant "Betrayed Trust," Federal Jurist Says in Decision

WILMINGTON, Del., April 13. The defendants in the duPont stock suit, involving the ownership of powder stock formerly held by General T. Coleman duPont, announced today that they would appeal from the decision of Judge J. Whitaker Thompson. They issued the following statement:

"The defendants in this case will, of course, make an appeal to the higher courts, where the entire decision made by Judge Thompson, both his findings as to fact and as to law, can be reviewed. Counsel for the defendants did not question the soundness of the law, but they do question the wisdom of the decision of a corporation, but they did contend and will continue to contend that the facts in this case do not show that there was either moral or legal breach of trust. A great majority of the stockholders themselves either in person or by proxy at two annual meetings since the filing of this suit, one of them being since the evidence was all before them, have approved, by their votes, the action of the officers and directors in this matter. No one of those interested, aside from the plaintiffs in the case, voiced disapproval. Judge Thompson in his decision says the holding that the directors are disqualified from again passing on the purchase of this stock does not place any of the blame for a breach of trust on them. He confines his severe criticism to Pierre S. du Pont.

PIERRE DU PONT'S LETTER
Mr. du Pont has written the following letter to the stockholders:
"The decision of Judge Thompson is important to the stockholders of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, with respect to the ultimate disposition of the stock purchased from Mr. T. Coleman du Pont, but also in regard to its effect on the personnel and the management of the company. The latter has passed through a two-year period of greatest prosperity, due entirely to the prompt execution of a great business development by those in charge of the company's affairs. The executive committee of the board of directors, consisting of Irene du Pont, H. F. Brown, R. M. Carpenter, F. L. Connable, William Coyne, Lamont du Pont, H. G. Haskell, John J. Raskob and E. G. Tammann, together with the able men they have gathered about them, are the responsible factors in this success.

"Against these men the decision makes no finding of bad faith, betrayal of trust or wrongdoing of any kind. In the Judge's opinion, the company is in complete accord with both the plaintiffs and defendants in the case, as no accusation has been made against the conduct of any of these men.

"The stockholders may rest assured that the management of the affairs of the company remains as heretofore, in control of an able body of men, whose character is left unscathed by this opinion."

The case will go to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

RULES AGAINST PIERRE
Judge Thompson ruled that Pierre S. du Pont, president of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, was guilty of "betraying his trust" in his decision, saying in his opinion that the company's incorporation in concealing information during negotiations for the purchase by the company of the holdings of General T. Coleman du Pont, valued at upward of \$17,000,000.

He has filed an opinion in the United States District Court at Wilmington, upholding the suit of Philip F. du Pont and other stockholders of the du Pont family, which was brought to have the individual purchase of the stock of Pierre and his associates set aside.

The decision is a climax to a bitter family controversy which started following the purchase of the stock two years ago for approximately \$4,000,000, after General du Pont had offered to sell it to the company. In deciding that Pierre S. du Pont's methods in acquiring the stock were irregular, Judge Thompson rules that the opportunity of the company to purchase the stock in dispute is still open, notwithstanding that its acquisition would be of enormous profit to it. The Court decides, however, that the majority of the board of directors of the powder company is disqualified to act, and could not summon a qualified quorum, and therefore the only course remaining is to put the question before the stockholders at a meeting to be conducted under the supervision of a special master to be appointed by the Court. The holders of the stock acquired from General du Pont will not be allowed to vote their shares at this meeting.

Philip F. du Pont and his followers, Eleanor du Pont Perot, Eleuthere Paul du Pont, Archibald M. L. du Pont, Ernest du Pont, Alfred I. du Pont, Francis I. du Pont, Louis Albert de Cahanove, Jr., Henry S. Morris and Charles Ellis Gooden, were the plaintiffs in the court action against Pierre S. du Pont, Irene du Pont, Lamont du Pont, Alexis Felix du Pont, John J. Raskob, Robert Bulth Morgan Carpenter, Henry F. du Pont, Eugene E. du Pont, William Coyne, Harry G. Haskell, Harry F. Brown and John P. Laffey.

The Evening Ledger was the only newspaper in the United States which published the details of the du Pont fight for millions. For weeks an exhaustive investigation was made by staff correspondents, with the result that a complete series of articles was published in which the history of the du Pont family was presented, together with the facts of the fight in the United States courts. These articles were printed in January, 1916.

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"DIAMOND JIM" BRADY
Death at Atlantic City today, removed this picturesque figure, who was widely known for his habits of dress as well as for the display of his wealth.

DR. CASPAR GREGORY KILLED IN THE WAR

Native of Philadelphia Gives His Life While Fighting for the Kaiser

Dr. Caspar Rene Gregory, a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania class of 1864, was killed "somewhere in Germany or France" while fighting in the German army, according to a cablegram received by his sister, Mrs. Herman Allyn, Forty-second street and Baltimore avenue.

Mrs. Allyn said today that her brother was with the German army in France the last time she heard from him, but that he had not been permitted to write from the field for many months, so she does not know whether he met his death in Germany or France. Although born in this city, he had spent more than half of his life in Germany, and was naturalized a German citizen years ago. He was seventy-one years old.

He was also graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in this city in 1867 and Princeton Seminary in 1873. He was chaplain of the American chapel at Leipzig, Germany, for a number of years and later became professor of theology in Leipzig University. In 1898 he came to this country and delivered a number of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and Yale. He was an honorary member of the Greek Philological Society, and is known as a translator and author of works on theological and educational subjects.

Ordered to Complete Recruits
SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 13.—Lieutenant E. B. Dolph, commanding the members of Company A, Thirtieth Regiment, N. C. I., now in Federal service here, received word to recruit the company to its full strength of one hundred.

"DIAMOND JIM" BRADY DIES AT SHORE HOTEL

Picturesque Millionaire of Broadway Goes Suddenly After Apparent Recovery

ATLANTIC CITY, April 13. James Buchanan Brady, better known as "Diamond Jim," one of the most picturesque millionaires in the country, died suddenly here this morning. He was apparently sleeping when Charley Anderson, his invaluable valet and his sole companion during the several months Brady had been fighting for life here, sought to awaken him about 8:45 o'clock. Then Anderson saw that something had happened and telephoned for his employer's physicians.

Brady died before any of them reached the hotel. The suddenness of his death shocked hotel attaches and his New York friends in the hotel colony.

Brady, whose diamonds have made him famous the country over, had been ill for years. Six years ago surgical specialists at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, almost made him a new stomach after the original organ had worn out under pressure. Brady is said to have paid half a million for what they did for him. The makeshift digestive apparatus began to cause trouble last autumn and he came here early in the winter to fight for his life. Apparently he had won the battle four weeks ago when he returned to the Boardwalk after an absence of a month. Then came a series of relapses and recoveries.

Brady attended a first night at a Boardwalk theatre Monday and was congratulated on his appearance. He was out on the Boardwalk yesterday in a rolling chair and wrapped in furs. He went to bed last night in good spirits.

Brady's wealth has been estimated at \$20,000,000. His jewels, of which he had thirty complete sets, are said to be worth \$4,000,000. "Diamond Jim" was "in" many big things. He was vice president of the Standard Steel Car Company and a big holder of Pruned Steel Car stock. It is said he left a will bequeathing his jewels to the Metropolitan Museum, New York. His nearest and almost sole relative is a brother.

He never married and he never drank. He was sixty-two years old.

CORONER BLAMES MEN ARSENAL BLAST KILLED

Carelessness in Ignoring Safety and Caution Rules Is Jury's Verdict

All doubt concerning the cause of the explosion in Frankford Arsenal Wednesday night, resulting in the death of two employees, Philip McNally and Joseph Miller, was removed today, when Coroner Knight and Coroner's Detective Frank Paul, after exhaustive investigation, corroborated the statements of Major E. D. Bricker and Major J. H. Pelot, of the arsenal, that the fire-up was due to carelessness of the men that were killed.

According to Coroner Knight, 6000 improperly primed shells were in the shop where the explosion occurred. To reprime these they were fitted into sockets in a concrete wall twelve inches thick. The work is done by a machine, and when the machine is in motion the men have been instructed to stand at the opposite side of the wall out of harm's way.

The reaction of McNally's body in the shop and the fact that both his hands were blown off are considered ample evidence that he was operating in violation of the rules.

Miller, who was taken dying to the Frankford Hospital, admitted fooling with the shells. He died this morning. His home is in Southport, N. C., where his father, L. Miller, owns a hotel. He boarded at 6748 Tulip street, Tacoma, and was formerly employed at the du Pont Mills at Carnegie Point.

McNally, who lived at 4307 Horrocks street, Frankford, is survived by a wife and child and an aged mother.

Two Philadelphians in Jersey Jail
Two Philadelphians were sentenced today to indeterminate sentences of from three and one-half to seven years in the New Jersey Penitentiary. They were Albert Kahn, 1925 North Seventh street, and Albert White, 2341 South Jessup street. The testimony against them was furnished by Imlay Brinker, son of Freeholder Thomas W. Brinker, of Camden. The case was in the Camden County Court. Brinker testified that they engaged him to drive a taxi for them on March 9 last and later assaulted him with intent to rob him of \$80 he had displayed. Kahn was under indictment in Philadelphia for stealing automobiles.

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