

### COREY TALKS TO HIS FIRST WIFE

Spends Two Hours in Her Company and Stirs Up the Gossips.

### SNUBBED AT THE BANQUET

Many of His Former Associates Have Nothing to Do With Him Since His Second Marriage—Has Become Reconciled to Son.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—William Ellis Corey gave additional material for the gossip when he met his first wife and confided with her for two hours. It was stated that "property matters" were discussed. Just what explanation was made to Maybelle Gilman Corey is not stated. The rumor that Corey and Maybelle Gilman are to separate was revived today in consequence of the interview between the steel magnate and his first wife.

### GOES BACK TO HIS OLD HOME

Corey Takes Steps Toward Reconciliation.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—William Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, came to Pittsburgh today, ostensibly to attend the annual banquet of the Carnegie Steel Company officials, which took place last evening. Another and more sentimental reason is given by his friends.

Corey arrived in Pittsburgh early this morning and disappeared. He did not visit the Carnegie offices, nor did he appear at the Duquesne Club until time to dress for the banquet. Tonight it was learned that Corey had a greater part of the day with relatives at his old home in Braddock.

This was his first visit since his marriage to Maybelle Gilman, his second wife. Until yesterday, Mrs. Laura Corey, president of the Carnegie Steel Company, was visiting the same persons, who deeply sympathize with the divorced wife and resent her treatment by Corey.

### Reconciled to His Son

Yesterday Mrs. Corey went to the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Campbell, at Swetsville, a short streetcar ride from Braddock. It was made public today that Corey has reconciled to his son, who is an ardent adherent of his mother. The boy is studying at Yale and recently father and son dined together at New Haven, Conn.

It was then and there, it is now admitted, that Corey began his advances for a reconciliation with his first wife, which, of course, would necessitate a legal severance of the legal tie now binding to the erstwhile Maybelle Gilman. Corey's relatives are anxious that the steel corporation president should return to his first wife and since Mrs. Corey has been in Braddock they have implored her to look favorably upon her divorced husband's advances.

That she did not have this section of the country when she knew Corey was coming and went but a short distance from Braddock, without any attempt to conceal her whereabouts, is considered proof that she is not utterly opposed to a renewal of marital relations.

### Songbird Does Not Like Captivity

J. B. Corey an uncle of W. E. Corey, was asked this evening if his nephew had called upon his former wife. The uncle refused to affirm or deny this, intimating that the whole matter was one to be decided by his nephew and the two wives.

It is strongly intimated that Corey's second wife is not enamored of her peculiar position of a songbird confined in a gilded, but lonely cage in New York City. Society does not recognize her and she is forced for companionship upon her former friends of the foothills. She could enjoy their society just as much by a cosy fire in the big mansion where she now lives. For these reasons it is hinted Maybelle might be persuaded to accept a settlement, give Corey his freedom and return to her old home.

### END OF STRIKE IN SIGHT

Settlements Being Made by Landlords—Spreads to Newark.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Settlements affecting over 500 families have been made between the striking tenants and the landlords on the East Side and predictions were made today by the leaders of the movement for general rent reductions that before the end of next week general settlements will be made.

Few dispossession notices were issued today because of the Jewish Sabbath. So far over 500 dispossession notices have been issued. The move for lower rents has spread to Newark, where meetings will be held tomorrow.

### Ask Carnegie to Help

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—An attempt to interest Andrew Carnegie in the tenants in New York is one of the results of the rent strike which has been on for several days. It has been proposed that the city purchase a block or two in the thickly congested East Side and there build modern tenements which would be rented at a low price. There seems to be no prospect of the city being able to do this, at present at least, so leaders in the strike movement will try to get Mr. Carnegie to erect the buildings. It is stated that he was approached once before or the subject, but said that he thought it was a matter for the city to deal with rather than a private citizen.

### ALLOWANCE PAID MONTHLY

Earl of Yarmouth May Not Get This if Marriage is Annulled.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—The many stories concerning the financial settlements growing out of the marriage of

the Earl of Yarmouth and Alice Thaw were set at rest today by a statement from Frank Semple, agent and attorney for the Thaw estate. Attorney Semple's statement is as follows: "There appears to be some misapprehension concerning the fortune of the Countess. It is all in her own control. The Earl of Yarmouth has not squandered her wealth. A large part of her fortune was placed in the hands of trustees by her father, under his will, and previous to the marriage of the Countess she placed the remaining portion in a private trust for her own use and it is being held in this country and under her control. Money is sent to her from America as she wants it. The Countess set aside an allowance for the Earl under the marriage settlement, which he receives monthly." It is believed here that should the Countess secure a nullification of her marriage as applied for, in the English courts, the Earl's monthly allowance will stop immediately. The nature of the charges brought by the Countess have resulted in many expressions of sympathy for her.

### HAS SMALL CHANCE TO WIN

English Law Strict About Annuling Marriages.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The solicitors of the Earl of Yarmouth, whose wife, formerly Miss Alice Thaw, has begun suit for the nullification of her marriage, have given notice that they propose to defend the action. The case probably will not be heard for several weeks.

### NO NEWS OF MOUNT ROYAL

OWNERS CLING TO HOPE FOR MISSING STEAMER.

Believe She Floundered Around Atlantic With Disabled Machinery. Passengers Mostly Russians.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 4.—Although it is four weeks since the Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Royal sailed from Antwerp for this port with 90 immigrants and a crew of more than 100, and nothing has been heard of her in that time, the officials of the line have not abandoned hope that she is still afloat.

They are extremely anxious, nevertheless, and fear that the vessel is drifting about the Atlantic in practically a helpless condition with her machinery disabled.

The Mount Royal is a single screw steamer of 4500 tons.

So far as known, few, if any, Americans or Canadians sailed on the vessel. The passengers are nearly all Hebrew and Russian immigrants, some of whom are thought to have formerly lived in America.

### ANOTHER HOPE IS DISSIPATED

Steamer Hungarian Arrives With No News of Mount Royal.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—Another hope that the missing Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Royal, with her 400 passengers and crew, might be towed into port was dissipated on the arrival here today of the Allen Line steamer Hungarian. As the latter ship was 20 days out from Glasgow and a week overdue, shipping circles in London were led to believe that she had fallen in with the Mount Royal, which left Antwerp December 7, for St. John, and expected to hear that she was being towed into Portland. No trace of the Mount Royal was seen by the Hungarian.

### Continue Druce Prosecution

LONDON, Jan. 4.—At a conference today for the lawyers and others interested in the claim of George Hollibaugh Druce to the estate and title of the Duke of Portland, it was decided, after receiving the report of the doctor and surveyor who attended the exhumation of the Druce coffin on behalf of the claimant, to continue prosecution of Herbert Druce for perjury.

### HAVE BATTLE WITH HOSTILE NATIVES

Explorers of Ryan's and the Guggenheims' Corporation Meet With Trouble.

### MEN KILLED ON EACH SIDE

Explorers Lose Five and About 125 Natives Are Slain—Fight Lasts All Day—Thought to Indicate More Trouble in Future.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—News was received here today of a battle between a band of hostile natives and a party of explorers employed by the International Corporation, in which Thomas F. Ryan and the Guggenheims are interested, and which has the concession to develop the Colgo Free State rubber and mineral resources. The fight took place six miles inside the corporation's concession, near the Kasal River, and 125 natives were killed. Five porters of the exploration party met death and several others were wounded.

None of the white men of the company, which was in command of S. H. Seal, of the United States Geological Survey, was even hurt.

The battle lasted an entire day, the retreat of the explorers occupying the next two days, during all of which they were constantly harassed by the natives, before they reached safety. This is looked upon as only a beginning of the troubles of similar enterprises of the corporation.

News of the battle came in letters to friends of the group of Washington scientists who entered the service of the company for the purpose of making a geological and scientific survey of this country. It is stated that in this battle 25 soldiers under command of Lieutenant Eppertoria, of the Belgian forces, with the scientists, fought a great number of natives. The latter were mostly armed with flintlocks, which they get from the Portuguese trading posts.

### BRYAN YET FORMIDABLE

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ment, and formal announcement to that effect will be made within a few days. Mr. Hitchcock will not resign his position in the Postoffice Department for at least a month, and perhaps not until even later, because of many matters pending before Congress and in the department which require his personal attention. When he does resign, he will establish headquarters in Washington, and will have charge of the Taft Presidential movement in the Eastern and Southern States, not including Ohio.

Mr. Hitchcock has not yet given his acceptance to the invitation to become an active Taft manager, and will not discuss the matter one way or the other. However, affairs are tending to make it possible now to state without qualification the programme for the future conduct of the campaign in Mr. Taft's interest. Ever since the return of the Secretary of War from his trip around the world, plans for strengthening the Taft political organization have been under consideration, and Mr. Hitchcock's name has been mentioned in that connection. Not until today, however, have matters crystallized.

Before giving an answer to Mr. Taft, Mr. Hitchcock waited to lay the proposition before his political friends. There is reason to state that thus far Mr. Hitchcock's friends, both here and elsewhere—especially in the South—have voiced their approval of the move he contemplated.

Another question confronting Mr. Hitchcock has been that of relinquishing his official position under the Government. Some of Mr. Taft's most ardent admirers, recognizing the political ability of Mr. Hitchcock, were extremely desirous of enlisting his active services, but hesitated to ask him to give up the Assistant Postmaster-Generalship, where he has rendered conspicuous administrative service and was in line for advancement.

Postmaster-General Meyer eventually took a leading part in solving the problem. Mr. Hitchcock will leave the Postoffice Department with the full sanction

### MUST LEAVE OFFICE

Work of Idaho Surveyor-General Unsatisfactory.

### PRESIDENT GIVES DECISION

Senator Heyburn Tries to Have Sentence Stayed, but in Vain—Announces He Is Out for Scalps. Successor Not Yet Chosen.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 4.—Surveyor-General Egleston, of Idaho, must tender his resignation. This is President Roosevelt's decision, reached today, after reviewing the facts in the case with Secretary Garfield. He must resign, not because of any corruption, but because his services are decidedly unsatisfactory to the department; because his office has become completely disorganized through inadequate administration and because the interests of the service demand a change.

When Senator Heyburn heard of the President's decision, he hurried to the department and was met by the acting Chairman Brady to demand a rehearing for Egleston, but was informed that the case was closed. Heyburn insisted that Egleston had satisfactorily answered all charges brought against him, and declared that it was unfair to force him out of office. The President took the position that the department was amply justified in calling for Egleston's resignation, and concurred in Garfield's opinion that Egleston's answers were not satisfactory, and his administration of office was less so.

Mr. Heyburn made a stubborn fight for Egleston, but failing, will now turn on the clerks in the Land Office, whose testimony was fatal to Egleston, as well as on the inspectors who reported against him.

He announces that he will get some other scalps before he gets through. Whatever Heyburn may do, it is semi-officially announced that when the new Surveyor-General is appointed, the department will care upon a reorganization of the entire office force and endeavor to bring order out of chaos. The selection of a successor to Egleston will not be taken up until Senator Borah returns when he and Heyburn will be asked to submit recommendations.

### THREE OTHER HEADS TO FAIL

Men Who Conspired Against Egleston Slated for Removal.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Surveyor-General E. G. Egleston has received a request for his resignation as a result of the report made against him some weeks ago by Inspector Goodwin. It is intimated that Chief Clerk John D. Bell, Chief Draughtsman Axel Nixon and Assistant Draughtsman Henry Nibberding will be dismissed by the department.

Mr. Egleston charges these men with having conspired to make trouble for him. There has been much confusion in the office, growing out of this state of affairs, and it looks as though the department had determined to have a new deal all around.

### MUST FORTIFY PUGET SOUND

Roosevelt Asks Large Appropriation on Humphrey's Suggestion.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt has been seeking all the information possible as to the need of fortifications on the Pacific Coast. He requested Representative Humphrey, of Washington, to submit a statement as to the needs of Seattle and Puget Sound. Mr. Humphrey called on the President today and handed him a statement which shows that, despite the existence of several artillery forts in Sound waters and the laying of submarine mines at several points, the cities of the North Pacific Coast are still comparatively unprotected.

Mr. Humphrey says that the entrance to the Sound is so wide that enemies' vessels might pass through unobserved in thick weather, although the entrance is guarded by three artillery forts. It is recommended that submarine boats be employed as auxiliary protection. This need is emphasized by the fact that in many places the water of the channel is so deep as to make the laying of submarine mines impracticable.

Deception Pass is entirely without protection; larger guns are needed at Forts Worden and Flieger; owing to inadequate provision for the Coast artillery, some of the present guns at Puget Sound forts have fallen into disuse. The most vital question, Mr. Humphrey says, is the installation of protection which will overcome the width of the entrance from the Pacific Ocean. Without such provision, he says, the present equipment will in

### READY TO PROVE CHARGE

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libel suits which shows that Fulton is a corrupt man. The article in Collier's lays particular emphasis on the Brownell letter, which it is believed, is a part, at least, of the evidence referred to in the American as being sent to the President. In explanation of this letter, Collier's says: "That did this letter mean? That in Washington, on January 15, 1907, a contract agreement was entered into between United States Senators Fulton and McKim, on one side and United States Attorney Hall on the other, by which it was agreed that the Government would take possession of the office of United States Attorney for the district of Oregon, and in consideration of their doing so Hall was to protect George C. Brownell and J. H. Campbell from indictment and prosecution."

### Bryan to Talk in Omaha

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 4.—William J. Bryan is expected in Lincoln next Monday morning. In the afternoon he will leave for Omaha, where he will address the Democrats at a banquet Monday evening. Then he will leave for Chicago.

### PARK FOR GREATER CITY

GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE REDWOODS TO SAN FRANCISCO.

### Legal Battle Ends in Victory by Which Forest Will Be Included in Boundaries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A battle between a club of society women and a millionaire on one side, ranged against powerful water corporation, came to a head today with the result that the water company lost and the United States Government gained a magnificent National Park located within the confines of the proposed Greater San Francisco, and less than one hour's ride from the City Hall.

The park in question is Redwood Canyon, a magnificent tract of 200 acres located on the slopes of Mount Tamalpais, near Mill Valley. Included in the tract is Sequoia Grove, a beautiful stand of giant redwoods. Under the shade of the giants of the forest flourish pine, hazel and laurel trees and an abundance of ferns and wild flowers. A fine stream gushes through the park and is spanned by rustic bridges. A railroad runs to the door of the grove and makes it available as a pleasure ground.

The tract is owned by William Kent, a pioneer millionaire of Mill Valley. The society women of Mill Valley, who comprise the Outdoor Art League, desired to make a park of the place, and Kent was desirous of donating the tract to the Government as a National park. Today he received word from President Roosevelt that his offer had been accepted.

The Government will take possession at once. The park is considered one of the show places of the state. It has a stand of redwoods unsurpassed by any part of the world. It places San Francisco in a unique position as having a National park at its very front door, if not eventually within its boundaries.

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### HEADING HOME FOR WINTER

CALIFORNIA NOTABLES RETURNING FROM EAST.

Houses and Grounds Are Being Furnished Up and Everything Put in Readiness for the Owners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Several California notables are headed for home to spend the Winter or part of it here. Mrs. Herman Oelrichs will arrive tomorrow, and it is stated that while here she will arrange to sell some of her remaining holdings in San Francisco. She owns two skyscrapers and a large amount of real estate, including several acres of waterfront land that is very valuable. W. H. Crocker will arrive in two weeks from New York to move into the magnificent new home that is nearing completion at Burlingame. The new Crocker residence and grounds are said to be the finest on the Pacific Coast.

The beautiful country home of D. O. Mills at Millbrae has been put in excellent shape for occupancy, preparatory to the homecoming of Mills and the Whitelaw Holdis this month. For the last six months the house has been undergoing extensive repairs and alterations under the hands of 60 workmen.

The whole interior of the house has been refurnished, chimneys have been rebuilt and the heating plant for the large mansion has been thoroughly overhauled. Every building on the estate has been gone over and put in the best of shape, including the extensive barns and large greenhouses.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 4.—Victoria defeated Stanford University this afternoon at Rugby by four tries by the score of 12 to 3. The Californians played both with and against the wind. The home team showed unexpectedly good form. With the wind Victoria ran up a score of 9 to 0, and in the second half, when Stanford had the wind, each team scored one try. A heavy wind made goal-kicking uncertain.

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