

## ROCKEFELLER MAKES REPLY

Issues Statement in Connection with Mesaba Ore Mines.

## HAS PAPER FROM THE MERRITS

Oil King Asserts that Loans Were Never Called by Him and Says He Gave Opportunity to Redeem Properties.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—John D. Rockefeller, in a statement given out here tonight, replied to the charges made by the Merritt brothers before the Stanley steel investigating committee regarding the methods used by Mr. Rockefeller in securing control of the Mesaba ore mines and the Duluth, Missabe & Northern railroad, pointing out that these charges were denied under oath as long ago as 1905 in litigation over the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines. He furthermore submits the text of a paper bearing the date of January 22, 1907, to which are attached the names of Alfred and Leonidas Merritt and "all the other members of the family" declaring themselves satisfied that neither Mr. Rockefeller nor his agents committed fraud or made misrepresentations in the matter in question.

Mr. Rockefeller then sets forth what he says are "the facts with regard to the loans" to which the Merritts testified and denies that the loans in question were ever "called" by him.

The statement, which was issued tonight from No. 25 Broadway, is as follows:

"In the matter of the evidence of the Merritt brothers before the Stanley commission in Washington, D. C., reflecting upon Mr. John D. Rockefeller in connection with some ore and railroad properties on the Mesaba range, Mr. Rockefeller authorizes the following statement: Referring to the testimony of the Mer-

rit brothers before the Stanley commission in which they charged fraud and misrepresentation by Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates in connection with the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines and that they were deprived of their interest in that company by means of a loan made them by Mr. Rockefeller of \$200,000 which he called during the panic of 1907, all of which statements were denied under oath in the United States court at the trial of the litigation in 1905. It would be absurd to try in the newspapers at this late date the case in that court, but it is significant that upon the settlement which was made at the close of that litigation, both Alfred and Leonidas Merritt, the two who testified before the Stanley committee, together with all the other members of the family, gave Mr. Rockefeller the following paper:

Certain matters of difference have existed between the undersigned and John D. Rockefeller, and a court litigation has been pending between the undersigned, Alfred Merritt and Mr. Rockefeller, in which litigation it was claimed that certain misrepresentations were made by Mr. Rockefeller and those acting for him concerning certain properties sold by him to Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines. It is hereby declared that from recent independent investigations made by us, or under our direction we have become satisfied that no misrepresentation made or fraud committed by Mr. Rockefeller, or by his agents or attorneys for him, upon the sale by him of any property to us or any of us or to Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines, or upon the purchase by him from one or more of us, of any stocks and securities belonging to more of us, and we hereby withdraw all such charges and claims and exonerate Mr. Rockefeller and his agents and attorneys therefrom.

The facts with regard to the loans were as follows: The loans aggregating \$125,000 were made by Mr. Rockefeller in various amounts during the summer of 1907. Mr. Rockefeller never called these loans. In February, 1904, the Merritt brothers, being pressed by other creditors, applied to Mr. Rockefeller for further assistance. Mr. Rockefeller then loaned as a loan charge, he furnished them an additional sum of \$450,000. They sold him 50,000 shares of stock at \$10 a share, amounting to \$500,000, the several members of the family contributing different proportions. For one-half of this, more than enough to cover his loan, he gave to each of them an option to repurchase in a year at the price that they had sold it to him, with ten per cent interest. Prior to the expiration of the year Alfred Merritt, one of the brothers, who testified before the committee, brought suit against Mr. Rockefeller and he and several of the others never endeavored to exercise the option. Another brother and nephew, at the expiration of the option, applied for an extension of it on their stock, which was given, and they subsequently took back their stock amounting to 10,000 shares and on the formation of the steel corporation sold it to that company.

**Merritt Answers.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Leonidas Merritt late tonight answered John D. Rockefeller. He declared that the paper mentioned by Rockefeller was voluntarily presented to the house steel committee by the Merritt brothers and that Rockefeller will not deny that Merritt took \$700,000,000 worth of securities to New York and several months afterwards left there penniless. Mr. Merritt assured Mr. Rockefeller that he would not have an attorney insult or grill Rockefeller if Rockefeller appeared before the house committee.

## FIGHT IN STEEL COMMITTEE

Stanley Will Appeal to House to Force Littleton's Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—An open fight in the house of representatives between Representative A. O. Stanley of Kentucky, chairman of the house special committee of inquiry into the United States Steel corporation, and Representative Martin W. Littleton of New York, a democratic member of the committee, was assured today when Chairman Stanley declared he would appeal to the house to force Littleton's resignation from the committee.

## FARMER NEAR AFTON DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA

CRESTON, Ia., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Eli-

ah Berry, a farmer living between Afton and Talmage, died in a hospital at Iowa City yesterday afternoon of hydrophobia. Last summer Mr. Berry and a little son were both bitten by a mad dog and went at once to Iowa City for treatment, and came home supposing they had been cured. Monday night Mr. Berry was taken with convulsions and after a hurried consultation by Afton physicians he was taken Tuesday to Iowa City again.

At Grinnell he again was attacked with convulsions and was obliged to be taken from the train and placed under the influence of opiates before he could be taken on to Iowa City.

## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Auditor Raffles Says City's Book-keeping System Out of Date.

## POLICE JUDGE HAS NO SYSTEM

Expert Unable to Make Docket Agree with Reports and Declares No Way to Arrive at Any Accounting.

Branding the bookkeeping system of the city as antiquated and unadapted to the needs of the times, Special Auditor J. Raffles yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the council showed the inefficiency of the present system and recommended that a new double entry system of bookkeeping be installed at once.

In making his recommendation to the council Mr. Raffles went into matters that had come to his attention during his work upon the city books.

He said the books in the city hall were in fair shape as far as accounting for money went, but he explained to the council that owing to clerical errors the arrangement of the funds in the special improvement districts called for consideration. He, moreover, stated there is not to be obtained a balance in the tax commissioner's books as kept under the present system.

His most serious objection came when he declared that the books of the police judge were "in a very bad state for the reason that there were no accounts kept." The auditor said that when the police judge receives fines he credits them to his personal account and from the docketing one is not "able to tell whether the fine has been paid or left unpaid."

## Judge Pays What Wishes.

Speaking of the police judge, the auditor continued: "His reports do not agree and reconcile with his docket—some months there is more and some months less. On the books I find cases where a lesser fine has been entered 'as satisfaction in full' for a greater. There are instances where sentences are marked suspended. There is really no way to arrive at any accounting in the matter and it appears to me that the police judge pays in to the city just what he thinks fit."

While the auditor was making his recommendations the councilmen, including the mayor, listened attentively and asked many questions relative to the new system. When the speaker had concluded his remarks on the condition of the police judge's books, Councilman Jack Walters asked the auditor if he would embody all his recommendations and criticisms in a written report. "That is what the contract calls for," said the auditor.

When the discussion of the new book-keeping system came up City Treasurer John J. Gillin was asked his opinion. He replied that he would be glad to have the new system installed if the council would provide the necessary help incident to the work.

## Proposition from Raffles.

Auditor Raffles, on behalf of his company, made a proposition to design and install a new double entry system of bookkeeping that would be plain and open and entirely satisfactory for \$500. He also offered to remain and instruct the office forces in the manner of conducting the new system.

It can be said that the new system will probably be decided upon at the meeting of the council next Monday night. The mayor, city attorney, city treasurer and Councilmen Walters and Miller all expressed themselves as being in favor of the new system. "I think it would be money well spent," said the city attorney after the meeting.

A complaint from the southern section of the city declared that the open catch basins and sewer holes have poisoned the atmosphere and caused a number of diphtheria cases. Relief was sought by the residents of that section of the city.

## Retrenchment Postponed.

The matter of retrenchment on the salary list was again postponed until next Monday afternoon at a meeting of the committee of the whole. It begins to look as if the council had decided that there is little or no chance to retrench on salaries.

## To Inspect Sewers.

This morning at 10 o'clock the city council will go over the work completed on the Jetter creek and Mud creek sewers, in order to determine whether the contractors of the work shall be paid off.

A squabble between the Hoffman company, subcontractors to the National Construction company, has raised a question in the minds of the city fathers as to their duty in the matter. "We should inspect the work, and if it is all right it should be accepted without delay," said Mayor Trainor. The rest of the council agreed that inspection was in order.

Veda Good, the 2-year-old daughter of City Clerk Frank Good, was severely bitten about the face Thursday night when she attempted to fondle the house dog.

The dog, which has been the pet of the Good household for a long time, has lately become ill-tempered, owing to treatment experienced at the hands of street boys.

Thursday night while the family were gathered about the fire little Veda attempted to fondle the dog. As the little one put her arms around the neck of the brute he snapped at her, inflicting deep cuts on her left cheek.

Dr. E. L. De Lano was called and put two stitches in the baby's face. The dog will be watched for symptoms of rabies.

## Bowling Scores.

## REMOHR'S SPORTS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Condon	217	139	154	491
Silk	168	181	182	431
Utt	199	196	179	564
Totals	584	517	495	1,496

## DRUMMERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Acbin	174	151	182	497
Baustain	171	156	147	474
Laynsh	183	152	123	458
Totals	528	459	452	1,439

## DREIBUS' CANDLES.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Morton	144	145	146	435
Stapenhorst	126	136	159	421
Johnson	172	169	162	503
Conrad	176	178	131	485
Cochran	167	159	183	509
Totals	686	689	601	2,566

## JETTER'S GOLD TOPS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Hinricks	152	118	178	448
Baehr	172	194	147	513
Godenschwager	197	183	144	524
Klanke	183	178	178	539
Zary	192	169	125	486
Totals	696	639	772	2,107

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Make sure your clothes are all right. No sale is considered closed at Flynn's until the customer is satisfied everything is all right. All right is one of our mottoes. Down in our bargain annex not all right for us, but price and quality make them more than all right to the consumer. There's lots of boys' and children's suits, ladies' suits and coats, men's wool underwear, men's work and dress shirts, men's and boys' hats, boys' and children's sweaters, coats, dresses and children's tan o'shanter hats. Some will children's Tam O'Shanter hats. Some will

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Men's 15c WOOL SOX as a Saturday Special, at, pair 9c

## Furnishings at Flurry Figures for Saturday

## A "FLURRY" IN MEN'S SHIRTS

Men's flannel shirts in grey, and of a grade that must usually bring \$1.25, are here, at, each—79c

## A "FLURRY" IN MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's natural grey wool mixed underwear worth all of \$1 per garment, now at, garment—69c

## A "FLURRY" IN MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's heavy Yeager color fleece lined underwear of positive 50c value, goes at, per garment—39c

## A "FLURRY" IN FLANNEL SHIRTS

Men's grey, slate, blue and government Khaki flannel shirts of \$2.00 value, are to go now \$1.25

## SALE OF SWEATER COATS

Men's Blue, Gray or Maroon Sweater Coats that should go at a much higher price are here at



Men's high roll collared Sweater Coats in popular plain grays and of real \$2 value, are specialized at

98c

\$1.49

79c For Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Union Suits, the \$1.25 Kind

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## Ely Company Goes Into Bankruptcy

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday afternoon in the office of the United States district clerk by the attorneys for the Ely Boiler company of this city. In the petition \$47,477.37 is the amount named as the company's liabilities. The assets are stated as being \$15,570.

The Ely company has nearly 200 creditors, the ones hardest hit being the Corn Exchange National bank of Omaha, that claims \$4,000; the Milwaukee Concrete and Machine company of Milwaukee, that has a claim for \$3,027.30; the Monarch Machine company of Sidney, O., \$2,420; the Field-Henderson company of Jackson, Mich., \$6,720; and the Poon Gas Engine company of Springfield, O., \$10,924. None of the assets is claimed as being exempt.

## Bryan Arrives at Nassau on Steamer

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—A message received at the office of the Hamburg-American line tonight said that the liner Segueron, with all of the Prinz Joachim's passengers aboard, had arrived at Nassau at 3 o'clock and that the trans-shipment of passengers from Segueron to the Vigilant would begin without delay.

## CAR REPAIRER INJURED WHILE WORKING IN YARDS

While placing a shoe on the brake of a box car in the Union Pacific yards near the Union station, Nick Schaffner, 623 South Nineteenth street, a car repairer, was badly bruised and injured internally when a switch engine coupled on to the car and knocked him down early last night. He was taken in a Union Pacific ambulance to St. Joseph's hospital, where Dr. E. J. Updegraff is attending him.



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