

PROPOSALS FOR MERGER ARE REVIVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Negotiations looking toward a merger of several of the important independent steel companies, including the United States Steel Corp., of Indiana, and the Carnegie Steel Co., of Pittsburgh, are expected to be taken up again within the next six months, says the Wall Street Journal. The merger was well under way several months ago, but was dropped on account of the inability of the parties interested to come to an agreement as to prices at which stock of the various companies would be taken over by the consolidated company.

There was a good market for steel products at that time, enabling the various companies to obtain premiums of \$10 to \$20 or more a ton above prices asked by the United States Steel Corporation. Arrangements of premiums were taken, and certain steel companies thought that the Bethlehem company too high.

Steel Drop May Hasten Step. The fall in steel prices to the level of the United States Steel Corporation is one development that should hasten a consummation of negotiations. Another is the change in the composition of the American steel companies, now 433, including Bethlehem and Lackawanna. It is well known that the United States Steel Corporation, due to its great success in producing pig-iron and steel, has been able to acquire a vast amount of the independent companies.

Should the steel companies see fit to drop their prices to \$10 a ton below the present level, certain independent companies would experience difficulty in meeting the competition without loss, whereas their big competitors could show a fair profit. A combination of the important independent companies would result in lowering cost of production, thereby making a better opportunity to compete with U. S. Steel for the world's trade. Since the combination of the steel companies is not a subject of American exports, due to its low cost of production.

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Half as large as U. S. Steel. Should there be a consummation of the proposed merger, the combined company would be between 1,000,000 and 1,200,000 tons annually. In other words, there would be created a combination about half as large as U. S. Steel in working capital and steel capacity. The merged company would have a line of products almost as diversified as U. S. Steel.

The Supreme Court has declared that U. S. Steel, controlling over 40 per cent of the country's steel production, is not a monopoly in restraint of trade, so there could be no objection to the formation of a company that would control 20 per cent to 25 per cent of the country's output. When the proposed steel merger was declared off several months ago, the president of one of the largest independent companies said negotiations probably would be resumed when money conditions were less strained and the steel industry more normal.

EAST CHICAGO TRIMS FROEBEL AT BASKET BALL

East Chicago have settled down to work and whipped Froebel last night with a score of 17-18. Confident of winning, Froebel came to East Chicago with many pointers and after the first quarter they considered the game as theirs as the score stood 6-0 in their favor. But when the first half was called East Chicago was in the lead by one basket. Having once gained the lead they held on to it to the last.

All during the game the score would first tie and then rise in East Chicago's favor. It was a typical East Chicago-Froebel game, uncertain to the last.

East Chicago had practically her second team playing as three of her first team men, Johnston, Greenwell and Popovich were ill. The most exciting moment was at the whistle blow for the end of the game with Froebel entitled to a free throw, but Froebel failing to score. The game was East Chicago's. Lineup: East Chicago: Spudick, Hayville, Moser, R. P. E., Elkenbarz, Durrell, I. G., Plazza-Levy, Lloydbrook, R. G., Olson. East Chicago field goals—Spudick (1), R. P. E., Moser, Mainowsky (2). Free throws—Spudick (1). Froebel field goals—Plazza (3), Polk, Elkenbarz. Free throws—Polk (4).

WHERE PRESIDENT WILSON WILL LIVE



The Fuller home.

Press dispatches indicate that President Wilson is dickering for the purchase of the residence of Representative Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts, at 2241 Wyoming avenue, in Washington. The Fuller home is located in one of the most beautiful residential sections in Washington, near the home of R. Bolling, brother-in-law of the president. Arrangements for the sale have not yet been completed, but it is understood that the chief executive and his wife have been especially attracted to this lovely home of Representative Fuller. It has become available through the severance of Representative Fuller's connection with the house of representatives to become lieutenant governor of Massachusetts.

Spudick started for East Chicago and Plazza for Gary. The preliminary game was played between the McKinley and the Washington Freshmen resulting in a score of 17-0 in favor of the McKinley team.

MANY CHANGES MADE IN TAX ASSESSMENTS

Notices of the action in the state board of tax commissioners which increased its fourth season under Saturday, approximately 500,000,000, to 1,000,000,000 for possible change from sixty-five counties will be sent soon to auditors of the counties and to persons or corporations affected. Notable changes occur in some of the corporation assessments. In Marion, Lake, Vigo and other counties, Marion county changes have not yet been completed. Most of the 800 cases were coal mines.

state board by simply certifying the 1919 assessments to the state board, not attempting to fix the assessments for 1920 in view of the intention of the state board to work over the assessments in classes.

DOUGHBOYS TO HAVE MERRY XMAS

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Doughboys of the American army of occupation on the Rhine are going to give the children of German poor families in Cologne a Christmas this year, said a dispatch from Cologne today. The Americans decided to raise a big fund, 100,000 marks, to provide for food, clothing, candy and toys. The American garrison in Cologne already has raised a big sum for the purpose.

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